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My first recollection that I have of my ancestors is hearing my grandfather James Bruce, telling that himself and a younger brother George Bruce, came from Scotland about 1740. My grandfather located in Winchester Va. He was a house carpenter by trade and I have heard him say that he built the first frame house that was ever built in that town, about 1744. He married a Margaret McMahan and moved to the north branch of the Potomac in Maryland. He continued there following his trade and farming until he reared a large family of children. My father William Bruce was the eldest. He was born Feb. 14, 1745. He had two sons younger than my father, and six daughters. Elizabeth married Thomas Anderson; Margaret married David Cox; Jane married William Marshall; Nancy married Samuel Percifull; Ann married Samuel Glass; James married Polly Runyan; George married the widow Riggs; my father married the widow Percifull; and Sallie the youngest sister married Joshua Carman, a Baptist preacher, a man of excellent character, and a splendid speaker. They moved to the state of Ohio about fifty years ago, raised a large family and died in a good old age of eighty-five. From the above enumeration of uncles and aunts, there has sprung an almost enumerall multitude of people. They mostly moved to Kentucky, in an early day, and settled in Nelson Co.

My father soon after marrying my mother, moved to Monongahela, settled about fourteen miles above Pittsburg, between the mouth of Peters Creek and Newels store (now Elizabethtown.) It was the haunts of Indians and forts were the only place of safety for the

families of those hardy pioneers. I had two sisters older than myself, born in the fort, and myself, the third child, soon after they ventured to their farms.

I was born the sixth day of August, 1776, one month and two days after independence was declared. I can with the apostle Paul say "I am free born", while our forefathers had to obtain their freedom by their blood and treasury.

During the Revolutionary war, my father was frequently called upon to perform military service. The first that I recollect of his talking about it was that he was stationed at a place then called Catpirk, called after an old Indian chief; near a place now called Washington, and not far from a place on the Monongahela, then called Red Stone. My father served there in the capacity of Lieutenant. Then next service he performed was under Gen. George Rogers Clark. He commanded a company under that veteran soldier to Louisville, he was absent from home several months. As to my mothers side, I have very imperfect knowledge. Her maiden name was Polly Lucas. Her first husband was very rich. His name was Percifull. After his death she married my father. My grandfather on mothers side was William Lucas. What my grandmother's maiden name was I never knew. She died about my first recollection. Grandfather Lucas died before I was born. All I know about him was, that he was a seafaring man. I remember an uncle Robinson Lucas and two aunts. They married two brothers, William and Dennis Murphy, and moved to the state of Ohio at an early date.

As I before observed, "I was born at a time that tried mens' souls". None but a man that had no fear of the Indians, but their prudence, would venture out to risk their family where the prowling

wolf and the subtile savage roamed. The Whig and the Tory lived in the same fort. It happened that my grandfather and father were true American Whigs. I fortunately partook of the same spirit and have retained it to this day.

When I was nine years old my father sold his plantation on the Monongahela River, and moved to Kentucky. I think it was in the Fall of 1784, we landed at the mouth of Bear Grass; Louisville was then a small village and there was a garrison of U.S. troops kept there. We lived there that winter, and in the Spring of 1785 moved to the water of Cox's Creek, named after my uncle David Cox who had settled there a few years previous (now Nelson Co.).

My father bought 200 acres of land and commenced making a farm. The first settlers had just ventured from their forts. I recollect of having to stand and watch while my father worked with his rifle well loaded standing against a tree close at hand. About this time, Colonel Isaac Cox was killed by the Indians while out surveying on a branch called Powell's Run, waters of the east fork of Cox Creek and about four miles from where my father lived. This made quite a stir in our neighborhood and men were stationed at different places along the frontier settlements. That was the last murder committed by the Indians between Salt River and Bardstown. From that time on till the close of the Indian war after General Anthony Wayne gave them such a scourging, times gradually became more safe and settlements were made on the Ohio River.

At the age of twenty two, I married the third daughter of Captain Charles Polk of Shelby Co. Kentucky. She was the youngest of four children of his who was then taken captive by the Indians when they took and burned the fort. He had been called away with his

company of militia from Simpson Creek where his fort stood. It was believed that the enemy was about to make a descent on the forts on Bear Grass, from the signs that had been discovered, but the wily savages, after they found that the principal part of the men had been called away, changed their course and nearly one hundred Indians attacked Polks Station. They killed several whites and took the rest prisoners, after burning the fort. Among the many prisoners was my mother-in-law, and four children, also William Polk, who has been a conspicuous character from the early settling of Knox Co. Ind. until his death about eight years ago, having filled various important places. He was commissioner of the Michigan Road for a number of years. He frequently served in the legislature of the state and was Registrar of the land office at Ft. Wayne at the time of his death.

His (Chas. Polk) eldest daughter married Capt. Speir Spencer who fell in the battle of Tippecanoe, while fighting the Indians. His death was much lamented. The second daughter, Nancy, married Peter Ruby; some of their children are still living in Knox Co. The third daughter, Sallie, became my wife Oct. 23, 1798. I then bought us a small farm when an older claim took it away from us. I then packed up what little plunder I had and took my wife and four children on horseback and moved to Vincennes, Knox Co. Ind. In the Spring of 1805 I rented 5 acres of ground to raise corn on, for which I paid \$25.00 cash. Pretty tough times, That summer I purchased 200 acres on which Bruceville now stands. I built us a log cabin and in Oct. the same year, moved to it. We had a very few white neighbors and quite a number of red skins hunting and traveling through all parts of our country, but at that time they

were entirely friendly and continued so until Tecumseh commenced collecting them at Tippecanoe in 1809, 10, and 11, when we had to be more on our guard.

In Sept. 11, the expedition to Prophetstown started up the Wabash. The summer before I had been ordered by Gen. William Henry Harrison, (Governor and Commander in Chief of the Northwest Territory) to bring my command of militia to Vincennes, and there to remain twenty days as it was then thought the Indians intended to make a descent on Vincennes. We remained there twenty days. As I was the oldest Captain in the regiment I had to perform a tour. The next oldest was called to take my place as commander of the company that was called from our battalion, as I could not go as an officer, I turned out as a volunteer in Speir, under Capt. Toussaint Dubois. A more brave and patriotic man never lived. He was dearly loved by his men and was true to his country. Some years afterwards he was drowned on his way home from St. Louis; regretted by all who had the slightest acquaintance with him.

Our army marched about two miles from Terre Haute and there built Fort Harrison and named it after our patriotic general. We were about one month erecting our fort, when completed the army pursued its road up the Wabash to the mouth of Big Vermillion where we halted and built a block house. From that point six of the Speir and six of the Robbs company were ordered back by Gen. Harrison, myself among the number to have the militia in a state of readiness, keep scouts passing every day from Wabash to White River lest the Indians should fall in the rear of the army and surprise and butcher the frontier settlements. As Gen. Harrison was well acquainted with the Indian's character.

The battle was fought Nov. 7, 1811, when our poor men were badly handled and the Indians worse. The night of the battle myself, in company with my lieutenant, now Mr. Wilkins of Merom, Sullivan Co. Ind., encamped about one and one half miles west of where Edwardsport now stands, having been on the lookout between the two rivers. After a few months of calm, the difficulties broke out afresh. The citizens had to build a stockade forts for the protection of their families. We suffered many inconveniences from being so crowded together, nevertheless, quite peaceable and happy. Nothing like enemies without to make peace within.

The fort I lived in was on my own farm. Some of the rails made out of white oak pickets are in existence yet, I believe. When peace was again made, it terminated the third frontier life that I had experienced and I hope the last. My family still increased until the year 1818 when I had the misfortune to lose my companion. She died soon after giving birth to our fifteenth child. Eight boys and seven girls, eleven of whom were living at her death. She was a pious and worthy member of the Baptist church and had been for a number of years and not a doubt remains with me but what her pure spirit winged its flight to climes of immortal glory.

In 1819 I married my second wife Hetty Richey Holmes, daughter Of William and Elizabeth Holmes. They moved from North Elkhorn Fayette Co. near Lexington Ky. My wife is still living. She is a healthy woman in her fifty-seventh year. She had ten children, seven boys and three girls, eight of whom are living.

As I have given a general history of my ancestors as far back as I have any recollections, I will now give a more particular de-

tail of my brothers and sisters, together with my immediate family. My oldest sister married one Joshua McDonald, he and she are both dead. Some of their children live in this state. My second sister, Margaret married John Spencer, oldest son of Capt. Spear Spencer, who fell in the battle of Tippecanoe. They had twelve or fourteen children, some living in and near Terre Haute, but the most of them in Boone Co. Ind. My sister is still living in her seventy-second year, two years older than myself. My brother James who is fifteen months younger than myself, married Polly Foreman in Kentucky. They had a large family. James has been dead about eight years. My youngest sister Polly married John Glasscock. They had but three children. She is still living in her seventy-first year.

As I have before mentioned who and when I married and when I moved to this state and where I settled, I will now inform you of increase in my family. In the first place I have had twenty-five children, fifteen boys and ten girls. Only sixteen are now living, five died in their infancy and four since they arrived at maturity. My eldest child Charles Polk Bruce married Angeline Wright from Ohio. They had children; after death he married Nancy P. Harrison daughter of late Joshua Harrison of Montgomery Co. Ind. His last wife has had ten children. Charles died last summer. William D. Bruce married Betsy Polk. They have had six children four of whom are still living. William died fifteen years ago this month. His widow married again and lives on the Illinois River. My eldest daughter Delilah married John A. Holmes, brother of my second wife; they have had twelve children, eight of whom are still living. They live in Ogle Co. Ill. near Buffalo Grove. My third living son Spear Spencer, married Rachael Chambers, by whom he had nine child-

ren. His wife and three children are now dead. His second wife was the widow Light. They live in this county. My second daughter Polly married Squire Bruce. They also live in Ogle Co. Ill. They have had twelve children, seven of whom are still living. My third daughter Betsy married John LaFollette. They live in Putnam Co. Ind. They have had twelve children, eight are living. Lucinda my fourth daughter married John H. Scrogin. They have six children. John died about three years ago. Lucinda lives in Bruceville. Henry H. my fourth son, married Jane Singleton. They had four children, all are living. Jane died, and Henry then married Mary Ann Cooper. They have one child and live in Kansas on the Missouri River. My next daughter Kittie Ann died in her fourteenth year. My fifth son Isaac D. Bruce has had three children, one dead. He is in California, if alive. My fifth daughter Sallie married Vincent McClure. They have had three children. They live near Shaker Prairie in Knox Co. Ind. My oldest son by my second wife Weston H. Bruce married America Singleton. They had two children. They died about two years ago. Weston lives in Kansas. My seventh son married Martha Elliot, his name was James C. Bruce. They have had one child. They live about one mile from Bruceville. My eighth son Harvey Judson Married Mary Rader. They have five children. His farm joins mine. My sixth daughter Nancy Married James F. McClure. They have had five children three of whom are living. They live near Shaker Prairie. John H. Bruce my ninth son married Angelina Threlkeld. They live about three miles from Bruceville. My seventh daughter Ellen married William Simpson. They have had three children, two of which are living. They live about one mile from Bruceville. I have my three youngest with me yet. Margaret J.,

David C., and William D. The second William D. was born four days before his brother William died. He was fifteen years old the 12th day of August, 1851 and is six feet high.

I have been blessed with healthy industrious, economical wives, otherwise my lot would have been more severe. I have always been blessed with sufficient food and clothing to get along comfortably. I never was burdened with wealth nor distressed with penury. My sons and sonsinlaws have all been sober industrious men, they are all doing reasonably well. They with their wives, are almost all professors of the christian religion and most of them belong to the Christian Congregation of Disciples. The living number of my family is:

Children.....	16
Grandchildren (husbands and wives).....	98
Great grandchildren.....	17
Myself and wife.....	2
	133
Dead.....	<u>30</u>
	Total 163

Today I am seventy-five years old, August 6th 1851. Thus far has the good Lord prospered me. I have endeavored as far as my falible nature would permit to pursue an upright and honest course, and the Lord has been my helper and in his merits is my trust. I am now at the advanced age of 76, and I have never known one day without something to eat and comfortable raiment.

I have enjoyed uncommonly good health, I have never been confined to my bed a whole day in my life, although I feel the outer man decaying very sensibly, yet my health is very good. My action

is gone, my energy is failing very fast, my sight has become so dim that I do not know one of my own family across the room; but still I can see to read and write without my glasses. How great that blessing is.

About the year 1800 my first wife and I united with the Baptist church on Cox's creek, Nelson Co. Ky. We continued our membership there until the Spring of 1805 when we received letters of dismissal and moved to Knox Co. Ind. (then territory) about the Fall of 1807. We collected twelve or fourteen scattering Baptists and organized a church under John Tyler and William Keller of Kentucky. The constitution was formulated at our house. We called it the Wabash Church. We still gathered a few, some by letter some by baptism. We increased until we were strong enough to build a comfortable log house to worship in on the same ground that the Presbyterian church now stands on, the road from Bruceville to Vincennes.

Some years after this, a number of my wife's family and other Baptists moved on Maria Creek and concluded to be organized into a church there. My wife and I received letters of dismissal and went into that church. We called it Maria Creek church. Our membership continued there until my wife's death in 1818. The church prospered greatly for several years. I think when a few of us (say nine persons about) from Bruceville petitioned for letters of dismissal their number on the church record was 170 members.

A suspicion got afloat that we intended to organize into a church constituted on the scriptures without any other creed or confession of faith. The persecution immediately commenced the day we were organized into a church, some twenty or more of their number broke

off from them and came with us, from that time the old members kept leaving them and coming to us, until at last 50 had withdrawn.

Our congregation increased under the ministry of brother Warford and brother Maurice R. Trimble until we had over 100 members. We left off constitutions and parts of constitutions and still number over 100; but the persecuting spirit of the old Maria church against us and others that left their form of belief, and think the scriptures a sufficient rule for our faith and practice, has reduced them to a mere skeleton.

Thus far I have given a correct history of my ancestors and my own family or as nearly correct as my imperfect memory would permit; together with my length of time and want of records. I regret my progress in life has been so limited.

Signed-William Bruce

Bruceville Ind.

Added:-

In perusing the pioneer women of the west I was struck with force that the capture of Capt. Charles Polk and family has escaped their notice. In 1779 moved to Kentucky then a wilderness inhabited only by buffalo, deer and other wild beasts of the forest. The northern Indian as well as the southern, kept it exclusively for a hunting ground where they often met in deadly combat; the victors carrying the trophies in scalps returned to their homes, while the vanquished had to return mourning. The suffering that Mrs. Polk underwent in her captivity was very great. The presence of mind that she manifested in all probability saved her life as well as her four children. In the early settling of Kentucky it was common to

picket in a square sufficient to inclose a number of small cabins, for the convenience of those who were to occupy them. Two block houses at opposite corners projected several feet beyond the line so one could see better from the port holes.

In the cabin in which Capt. Polk lived whether from a belief that no danger was near at hand, or from lack of experience, I do not know, the chimney was outside the pickets; as it was nothing but logs notched one on another it was not difficult to tear away. The opening made a convenient passage for the savage foe to enter the fort. Some days previous to the sacking of the fort and butchering of the inhabitants and the burning of the fort, an order was received from the commanding officer at Louisville, by Capt. Polk to repair with his command in all haste as only a few days before there had been seen about 100 Indians passing through what is known as Shelby Co. Ky. now believed to be going against the fort on what was then called Bear Grass, now Jefferson Co!

Whether it was designed or some other circumstances caused a change in their plans, is not known; but it is well known that by the time Polks command had reached the Bear Grass settlement, Polks Fort was invested by the whole troupe of savages, warriors, The above mentioned chimney offered no resistance to the ingress of the enemy, all of them entered the fort through it. Mrs. Polk could have made her escape with her two youngest children to a field of standing corn, that surrounded the fort; but she found it impossible to awaken the older two. The strong mother love would not allow her to leave one half of her children to the merciless tomohawk of the savage. She quietly seated herself on the side of the bed where her children were sleeping all unconscious of harm. When the In-

dians had made a slaughter of the inhabitants sufficient to satisfy their thirst for blood, and had secured what plunder they desired to carry with them, and had set fire to the fort, they passed out of the fort the way they came in, taking Mrs. Polk and her four children prisoners.

Be it remembered that the British officers stationed at that time at Detroit gave the Indians \$30.00 for a prisoner, and \$20.00 for a scalp. With their avaricious dispositions this was an inducement to save those who could be cared for by them without much trouble on the march.

Reflect a moment reader and think of the sorrowful sight, when Capt. Polk came home and found the fort burned to the ground and some human bones among the ruins. Each one uncertain and wondering "Is this my wife or my child, my father or mother, my brother or my sister?" All was conjecture, nothing was definite. Hope alone helped to buoy up each sinking heart as he said "perhaps my dear ones are still safe as prisoners and shall once more have the satisfaction of hearing from them and enjoying their company again."

Signed:-

William Bruce

August 12, 1853

75th birthday would be Aug. 6, 1851

My great grandfather, Major William Bruce, who was chronicled this family history down to the above date was justly proud of his honorable and worthy ancestors; and that their deeds of heroism, royalty and hardships might not be forgotten, he took up his pen on his seventy-fifth birthday and wrote the interesting bit of history

which you have just read. To those of us living today (1910) the deeds here recorded are as a romance. The imaginative story of the famous Capt. John Smith and his miraculous escape from the Indians here has its parallel in truth in our own family history. My great-great-grandmother, together with her four helpless children—the youngest, my great grandmother were captured by the Indians; and though many in the fort were murdered they it seems were miraculously saved from the cruel tomahawk. We know nothing personally of these strange stories of frontier life, and of the struggle to live and rear a family under such circumstances but the brave deeds of our ancestors and forefathers is a legacy of which we are justly proud, for it was such as they who paid the great price of this grand civilization which we enjoy today.

A number of times I have visited old Fort Harrison of which place mentioned has been made, and saw the logs of that historic fort which are still to be seen. But how much greater is my interest now since learning that my great grandfather was one of the men who built the fort. In fact I am now writing at my home which is only one and one half miles from Fort Harrison, which is now a private park of a wealthy citizen of Terre Haute. While there has been some talk of trying to get the government to purchase this ground and convert it into a national park, yet no move that I know of has been taken on the part of the government to this end.

Now in order that this valuable family record may not be lost and forgotten I should like to complete it to the present time. This is done not for the purposes primarily of recording deeds of unusually great moment but for the purpose of giving the family increase since Major William Bruce's time, and before those who are

able to furnish the necessary data have passed on to the Great Beyond.

In the above record the writer in giving the increase of his family stated that his eldest child Charles Polk Bruce married Angeline Wright of Ohio, and after her death, he married Nancy P. Harrison of Montgomery Co. Ind. It is the descendants of this Chas. Polk Bruce, my grandfather, and his second wife which I wish to record. There was nothing unusual in his life. He lived the customary simple life of the times. When a boy on a surveying expedition he saw a tract of land which struck his fancy and he remarked that he would some day own it. Later he bought the land, which is just west of Ladoga, Ind. for \$1.25 per acre. He made this his home and reared his large family here. This same land now could probably not be bought for less than \$200.00 an acre. My grandfather died sixteen years before I was born and I can not speak of him from memory. He was born Oct. 15, 1799. I was not able to find where he was born. He died Sept. 19, 1850 of flux.

My grandmother Nancy P. Bruce was born Jan. 28, 1814, and died Sept. 18, 1910, at the ripe old age of nearly eighty eight. She was a very cheerful and intelligent old woman. She always kept posted on family matters, and could write a good legible hand. She had a genuine hospitality for her friends and relatives. Many a pleasant hour I have spent visiting and listening to her relate the experiences of her life. Her mental faculties were not impaired with age. Her physical powers were declining for a number of years before her death, but she was able to piece quilts after she was past eighty-two. After the death of her husband she made

her home with her youngest son Thomas Bruce, on a farm in Boone Co. Ind.

Grandfather had three children by his first wife-William W., Samuel M. and Angelina.

William W. Bruce was born at Ladoga Ind. April 25, 1826. Together with others he went to California and died on the road at Carson Sives, a place about 200 miles from Sacramento, Cal.

Samuel M. Bruce was born at Ladoga Ind. Sept. 9, 1828, and died at Sauk Centre Minn. Aug. 1, 1897. He married Sarah E. Layman Dec. 18, 1862. They had two children Minnie A. and Florence Belle. Minnie A. Bruce, born Feb. 16, 1864. Married John L. Mullin Dec. 18, 1889. He died as the result of an accident, June 30, 1893. Minnie now resides in Sauk Centre, Minn.

Children: Bruce Hamilton, born Nov. 23, 1890, and Ara Elizabeth, born Aug. 10, 1892.

Florence Belle Bruce, born Sept. 9, 1866. Married George Fish Dec. 18, 1889. This was a double wedding.

Children: Paul Bruce MF. born Sept. 7, 1890, and Clarence and Harry F. twins, born Dec. 15, 1895. Clarence died Dec. 20, 1895 and Harry, Dec. 23, 1895. George Milton F. born Sept. 23, 1899.

Angelina Bruce, born May 10, 1831. Married James M. Thomason Feb. 1, 1855. She is dead but I do not have the date of her death.

Children: Edward T. There are no grandchildren.

Joshua Harrison Bruce, born at Ladoga Ind. March 22, 1833. Married Sarah E. LaFollette Nov. 18, 1855. In 1863 he moved with his family to Minnesota and lived for 10 years on a farm two and one half miles from Sauk Center. Afterwards he moved to a farm 10 miles from the same city, where he lived till his death. Some thought he

died of cancer of the stomach. He had served in the state legislature of Minnesota. His wife is still living, having just celebrated her seventy-third birthday. They had nine children:

Mary P. born Nov. 22, 1856, Sarah Melvina, born Aug. 28, 1859, Angelina, born Nov. 10, 1861, died 10 months after birth, Eliza Ellen, born June 16, 1863, Charles Robert, born Nov. 13, 1865, Wallace, born Dec. 2, 1867, Joshua Jr. born Jan. 22, 1870, James Milton, born Jan. 1872, Mable Orinda, born June 29, 1879, Wallace Bruce died in July 1908, and Joshua Oct. 8, 1888.

Hettie Ann Shaver was born Dec. 10, 1834. She married David C. Shaver July 31, 1851. I was unable to get a more detailed record of this member of the family.

They were the parents of nine children, six girls and three boys. Sarah E. born June 3, 1852; Mary A. born May 30, 1853; Wallace H. born Dec. 12, 1855; Charles L. born May 28, 1857; infant daughter, born May 31, 1860; Ida R. born Jan. 4, 1862; Susa P. born May 8, 1867; Adalesia born March 15, 1869; Robert R. born Nov. 11, 1874.

Sarah E.S. married Dr. Joseph Hawk.

Mary A.S. married Joseph Foxworthy Nov. 25, 1882.

Wallace H.S. married Lettia Lee March 9, 1881.

Ida R.S. married George Baker Oct. 19, 1884.

Adalesia S.S. married L. Ellsworth Jones Sept. 8, 1888.

Susan P.S. married Kearney Griffith Jan. 19, 1890

Robert R.S. married Minnie Baird Dec. 25, 1900.

Robert T. Bruce was born near Ladoga Ind. July 29, 1836, and married Orinda N. Beck of Montgomery Co. Ind. June 8, 1858. Most of their lives was spent on a farm in the last named county, but

some years ago they retired from the farm and are now living in Crawfordsville Ind.

There were three children: Charles H., Cora May, and Mary E.

Charles H.B. was born in 1859, married Cora Meek of Beckville, Ind. They are now living in Crawfordsville Ind.

Cora M.B. was born in 1860 and died in 1868.

Mary E.B. was born in 1862. She married Charles H. Martin of Mace Ind. They are now living in Crawfordsville Ind.

Mary E. Montgomery was born near Ladoga Ind. April 2, 1838. In 1855, Dec. 6, she married John Montgomery who died Dec. 27, 1865. She was thus left a widow at the age of 28, with four children. She had protracted illness during her life, but with a cheerful spirit and a determined fight she survived though she was bed-fast for years. She now lives with her daughter Anna at Frederick Okla.

There were four children: William Bruce, Robert James, Indiana, and Marietta.

William Bruce M. was born Jan. 23, 1857, and was married to Laura M. Van Cleave of Crawfordsville, Apr. 24, 1895. William was a railroader most of his life, but a short time ago he bought a farm in Okla. and is now making that his home. They have four children: Robert C. born Feb. 5, 1896; James Harvey born Dec. 21, 1897; Otis Van Cleave born May 14, 1900; and Charles Leon born June 1903. All are living.

Robert James M. was born March 7, 1858; was a railroader like his brother. He married Viola Wolfe May 31, 1887. Robert died May 1, 1909. They had no children.

Indiana M. was born Apr. 1, 1859 at Mattoon Ill. She married Calvin J. McCormack who died of pneumonia at Baker City Oregon.

They had no children. Marietta M. was born Oct. 11, 1863 and died

June 10, 1872.

Captain Charles Henry Bruce was born Nov. 25, 1839 in Montgomery Co. Ind. He was unmarried. He was farming and teaching school when Pres. Lincoln issued the first call for volunteers. He responded to this call and was enrolled at Ladoga Ind. April 1861. For three months he was in company G. 11th Regt. (I.V.I.) under Gen. Lew Wallace. At the expiration of this three months service he resumed teaching but afterwards left his books again and returned to military life as First Lieut. of Co. K. 58th Regt. Ind. Vol. and in due time became its Capt. He also served on the staff of Maj. Gen. Wood and was especially commended for gallantry and efficiently discharging all his duties. He participated in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged from Perryville to Stone River. Then from Tullahoma campaign and Hoover's Gap to Chickamauga where he fell in battle Sept. 20, 1863. He was well liked by his men, and was promoted to Colonel just before he was killed but the papers had not been signed and delivered.

James Harvey Bruce was born at Ladoga Ind. Nov. 5, 1841. He married Mollie J. Morris of Ladoga Ind. Nov. 10, 1864. Afterwards they moved to Sauk Centre Minn., where he died May 18, 1872.

They had two children, myself the elder and John T.

I was born in Thorntown Ind. Oct. 23, 1866. By persistent efforts I was able to graduate from the Ind. State Normal School, then the Ind. State University and to do some post graduate work at Chicago Univ. I have been professor of chemistry three state normals, and I am at present professor of chemistry in the Ind. State Teacher's College. My life has not been eventful like that of my great grandfather, in fact no event worthy of mention here. I mar-

ried Blanch C. Canfield of Lebanon Oregon Sept. 3, 1903. We have two children Muriel Canfield B. and Lillian May B. The former was born Nov. 20, 1904, and the latter July 25, 1905, both are living.

John Thomas B. was born March 1, 1868, and married Lillie A. Bond in 1892. Her home was Carmel Ind. She died Sept. 10, 1894. He later married Ada Miller of Whitestown Ind. There was one child by the first marriage Elmer Harrison B. born April 5, 1893 and one child by the last, Irma who is now living.

John Willson Bruce was born Jan. 27, 1844 at Ladoga Montgomery Co. Ind. He was married to Mary Ellen Nidiffer Dec. 2, 1868. He enlisted in the Civil War Oct. 5, 1861 in Co. G. 39th Ind. Volunteers for three years service. After the fight at Stone River they were mounted and he was promoted to Quarter Master Sargent and on the 16th of Feb. 1864 was discharged by reinlisting as veteran. On the 5th of Oct. 1864 he was wounded and lay in the hospital and at home for several months. He had two lead balls removed, one remaining to this day. He was discharged May 25, 1865 on account of the close of the war. A government commission was made out for his bravery. This he received after the close of the war.

They had three children, William Robert, Etta Fay, and Arthur J.

William Robert B. was born in Pope Co. Minn. June 6, 1873. He was married to Zoe Kay, Sept. 27, 1896, Their only child Jeane Marie was born Nov. 25, 1897.

Etta Fay B. was born Aug. 5, 1878 at Sauk Centre, Minn. and died at Broken Bow Neb. May 10, 1892.

Arthur J.B. was born Oct. 28, 1882 at Sauk Centre, Minn. He married Ingabee Carpenter at Bloomington Neb. July 3, 1906. They

have two children Harry John Robert B. born Apr. 8, 1907, at Naponee Neb. and Burnease B. born Sept. 5, 1908 at Naponee Neb.

Nancy Ellen Bruce was born in Montgomery Co. Ind. Jan. 7, 1846 and died Sept. 25, 1850.

Sarah Margaret Bruce was born in Montgomery Co. Ind. Sept. 31, 1848 and died Sept. 5, 1850.

Thomas Polk Bruce was born Sept. 18, 1850, in Montgomery Co. Ind. and lived there till 1867 when he went to Minn., but returned to Ind. in 1872. He was married to Sarah E. Mills Jan. 2, 1873, who died May 27, 1878. To this union three children were born-all in Montgomery Co. Ind. Harry M.B. was born Oct. 10, 1873, and died Sept. 19, 1874; Charles Edgar B. born July 27, 1875 and an infant daughter born May 13, 1878.

Charles Edgar was married to Clarissa Ellen Swisher in Nov. 1896. They have two children, Eva Ellen, born Aug. 29, 1897, and Mary Lola, born Jan. 28, 1903.

After the death of his wife, Thomas P. Bruce broke up house-keeping and made his home with his mother. In 1882 he married Missouri C. Ayers who died Aug. 3, 1902. They had one child, Robert Earl born Mar. 9, 1885. He married Lillie E. Caldwell Mar. 3, 1907 to which union one child was born Thelma Lavon B. July 8, 1905.

In 1907 Thomas P. Bruce married Lillie E. Caldwell, and they are living on a farm in Boone Co. Ind.

I had hoped when starting out to make this record to get a more complete life history of each, but have not been able to do so I must close with the family history of Thomas P. Bruce, the youngest of grandfathers children. I think I might add however for the future generations of the family that on the whole this

WHERE LINCOLN TWICE STOPPED

(Taken from the Terre Haute Star Feb. 11, 1935)

Bicknell, Ind. Feb. 10,---(Special.)--A new page to be added to the book of Lincoln lore comes from Bruceville, Ind., a small but old town in northern Knox County, where the great emancipator twice stopped. The first time was when Lincoln, as a youth, stayed there a few hours with his mother and father and their party to rest and water their stock as they moved from southern Indiana to Illinois in the Spring of 1830. They had come north from Vincennes and turned west at Bruceville to Emison Mills, now Emison, where encampment for the night was made.

Lincoln's second appearance in Bruceville was in 1844, fourteen years later, when the young lawyer was making a political speech in behalf of the presidential candidacy of Henry Clay. After his speech in the school building, a speech almost prevented by antagonistic Democrats, Lincoln spent the night at the Bruce House Tavern, which still stands. Until a few years ago one of the Bruce family was yet alive who could recall how he, as a boy, held the horse in front of the tavern until the tall, sinewy, weather-beaten traveler mounted and rode away the next morning.

The Bruce House Tavern was built by Maj. William Bruce, who founded Bruceville in 1811, and originally was a two-story brick structure. Only the lower portion still stands and this has been preserved and furnished by its owners in the style of its original period. The room in which Lincoln slept is furnished as it was when he used it.

branch of the Bruce family has been unusually industrious. Not a single one that I know of who is dependent upon society for a living. Nearly all have acquired a fair portion of this world's goods. They have been law abiding. Not to my knowledge has one ever been convicted of crime. They have been conservative but progressive men and women.

And now it affords me great pleasure to bring up to date this family record and to hand it down to the future children with a benediction on the achievements of our good forefathers and with the hope that our children may never do anything to bring dishonor or disgrace to the good family name.

Signed: Edwin M. Bruce

July 1, 1911

THE NAME AND FAMILY OF
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The surname BRUCE is said by family historians to have originated with a Viking ancestor of the family who bore the personal name of Brusee or Brusi. It is also evident from ancient records that some of the Bruces took their surname from residence at a place of that or a similar name in France. The literal meaning of the French place-name Bruis, Bruys, Brus, or Brousse is "The Brushwood Thicket". One writer says the place from which the name was taken was Braose or Brause, now Brieuse, two leagues from Falaise, in Normandy. In ancient English and early American records the name appears in the various spellings of Braose, Broase, Bruis, Bruys, Brousse, Breuse, Brause, Brus, Bruse, Bruyce, Brewis, Brewes, Brewus, Brusse, Bruice, and many others, but the form most frequently in evidence in America today is that which heads this article.

The Bruces were, in some cases at least, of Scandinavian origin; and the most remote ancestor is believed to have been Sveide, a Viking who was living in the eighth century. Sveide was the father of Halfden, who had Ivar, who had Euslin, who had Sigurd, the first Earl of Orkney, and Rognvald, who aided Harald in the subjugation of the earls of Norway into a nation and helped to establish him on the throne as the first king of Norway.

Rognvald was the father of, among other children, a son named Einar, who had Thorfinn Hausklifr, who had Hlodver or Lodver, sixth Earl of Orkney, who was the father of Sigurd, the father of Brusi or Brussee, known as the "Peacemaker". This Brusi was the father of another Rognvald, who was the father of Robert de Brusee, who went into Normandy and established the Bruce stock. He was the friend and counselor of Robert I, Duke of Normandy, the father of William the Conqueror.

Robert de Brusee, son of the last-mentioned bearer of that name, followed the standard of William the Conqueror in the year 1066 A.D. and was rewarded for his services in the conquest of England by forty-three manors in the East and West Ridings of Yorkshire and fifty-one in the North in England as early as 1060, and, when William the Conqueror received the Barony of Skelton and the Lordship of Cleveland as reward for his services, and at a later date he inherited his father's estates in Yorkshire. This Adam de Brusee married Emma, daughter of Sir William Ramsay, and was the father of Robert, William, Duncan and Rosselina.

Robert de Brusee, eldest son of Adam, aided Malcolm Canmore of Scotland in the latter eleventh century. He became a close friend of Earl David of Scotland, who granted him the lands of Annandale, in the County of Dumfries. Notwithstanding this friendship for the young king of Scotland, Robert de Brusee fought under the English King in the War between England and Scotland which occurred in the early twelfth century. He married

Agnes, daughter of Fulk Pagnel, of Annandale, and was succeeded in 1141 by his son Robert, who was the father of another Robert and William, of whom the former married Isabella, daughter of William the Lion, King of Scotland, but died without issue.

William, the younger of the last-mentioned brothers, was the father of three sons, Robert, William, and John de Brussee or Bruce, of whom the first was the fourth Baron of Annandale. This Robert Bruce married Isabel, daughter of David, Earl of Huntingdon and son of Prince Henry of Scotland, and had two sons, Robert and Richard. The last-mentioned Robert Bruce was born in 1210 and became the competitor of John Baliol for the crown of Scotland, which dispute was settled by the arbitration of King Edward I of England in favor of Baliol. Robert married Isabel de Clare, daughter of Gilbert, Earl of Gloucester and Hereford, in 1240 and was the father of Robert, William, Bernard, John, and several daughters. The eldest son, Robert, first Earl of Carrick, was born in 1253. This Robert went on the Crusades to the Holy Lands in the company of Prince Edward, later king of England. He married Marjory, Countess of Carrick, and was the father of Robert, Edward, Thomas, Alexander, Nigel, and seven daughters.

Robert Bruce, eldest son of the Robert and Margery, became king of Scotland in 1305 and was, during his reign, the center of a stormy, bloody, war-filled era. King Robert married first Isabel, daughter of Donald, Earl of Mar, and had issue by her of Marjory and David. Margaret or Jane, Matildis, Robert, Elizabeth, John, Walter, and Nigel were probably the children of his second wife, Elizabeth Aylmer, daughter of Richard, second Earl of Ross by his halfbrother, King David of Scotland. King David married twice, but died without progeny.

Robert Bruce, Earl of Ross, married Helen, daughter of Captain Allen Vipont, of Lochleven, and had two children, Marie and Robert, of whom the son is called Baron of Clackmannan. He married Isabel, daughter of Sir Robert Stewart, and was the father by her of Sir Robert, Edward, Alexander, James, and Helen. Of these, Sir Robert had issue by his wife, a daughter of Sir John Scrimgeour, of David, John, Patrick, and Thomas, of whom the first married Jean, daughter of Sir John Stewart, of Innermeath and Lorn, and was the father by her of three sons, John, Patrick, and James. The first of these, fourth Baron of Clackmannan, married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir David Stewart, and had two sons, Sir David and Robert. The younger of these sons made his home in the County of Perth, Scotland, and was married in 1475 to Janet Balfour, heir to Cultmalindie, in that county. His son, Hector Bruce, married Gelis Wardlaw in 1502 and had issue by her of at least one son, named John who married Euphame, daughter of Alexander, Baron of Elphinston. To this union were born four sons, Lawrence, Robert, Henry, and James, of whom the first died in 1617, leaving issue by his wife Helen Kennedy, of Alexander, Andrew, and four daughters. Alexander the elder son,

was married in 1568 to Jean, daughter of Lawrence, Lord Oliphant. He had issue by her of eight children, including three sons, Lawrence, George, and Alexander. The second of these continued the line at Cultmalindie. By his wife, the Widow Margaret (nee Campbell) Stewart, George had three children, Lawrence, George, and Jean, of whom the second was the first of the family to settle in Caithness, Scotland.

Sir David Bruce, the elder son of John, fourth Baron of Clackmannan, and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir David Stewart, was the father of another David, who married Janet, daughter of Sir Patrick Blackadder, of Perthshire, in 1497. He had five sons, of whom the second was Edward Bruce, of Blairhall. This Edward married Alison Reid, who gave him three sons, Sir George (progenitor of the present Earls of Elgin), Edward, and William. The second of the last-mentioned brothers resided at Kinloss, in Ayrshire, and had issue by his wife, Magdalen Clark, of Edward, Lord Bruce of Kinloss, who was succeeded (upon his death without issue) by his brother Thomas, who became the first Earl of Elgin. There was also a third brother, Robert Bruce, Baron of Skelton, in Yorkshire, England.

According to some historians, John Bruce, son of Robert and Isabel de Clare, who were married in the year 1240, was the progenitor of the Bruces of Clackmannan and of the Earls of Elgin and Aylesbury, County Buckingham, and of the Barons of Skelton, Yorkshire. However, the line is believed to be correctly given above.

Edward Bruce, second son of the before-mentioned Sir Robert Bruce, of Clackmannan, and his wife, Isabel Stewart, was married in the early fifteenth century, if not before, to Agnes de Erth or Airth, heir to the lands of Airth, County Stirling, Scotland. He left two sons, Sir Robert and William, of whom the former married Agnes, daughter of Sir Alexander Livingstone, and had issue by her of an only son, Sir Alexander Bruce, who first married Joneta, daughter of Alexander, first Lord Livingstone, but she died without issue, and he took, as his second wife, Margaret, daughter of Sir Malcolm Forrester. Sir John, the eldest son of this union married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Menteith, in 1471 and left at least two sons, Sir Robert, his heir, and Thomas, founder of a family of the name in France. Of these, Sir Robert married Euphemia, daughter of Alexander, Lord Montgomery, and was the father of Robert, who married Janet, daughter of Sir Walter Forrester. To this union was born Sir Alexander Bruce, the last of that name at Airth.

William Bruce, eldest son and heir apparent of Sir Alexander Bruce, fifth Baron of Airth, died in his father's lifetime, leaving issue by his wife Jean, daughter of John, fifth Lord Fleming, of five sons, Sir John, Sir William, Alexander Robert, and Patrick. Of these brothers, Sir William was created a Baronet of Nova Scotia in 1629; and Patrick was the first Laird of Newtoun. He married Janet Jackson and had three sons, Patrick, William, and Michael, of

whom the last became minister at Killinchy, County Down, Ireland. By his wife Jean, Michael was the father of at least four children, James Robert, Michael, and Anna Bruce, of Ireland, of whom the first married Margaret Traill in 1685 and was the father by her of Michael, Patrick, William, and several daughters. Of these Patrick was the progenitor of the Bruces, Baronets of Downhill, County Londonderry, and of Dublin Castle.

Thomas de Bruys or Bruce, younger son of Sir Robert, second Baron of Clackmannan and his wife (nee Scrimgour), received the lands of Wester Kennet, Pitfolden, and Cruickitlands, in the shire of Clackmannan, in 1399 and was succeeded in his estates by his son, Thomas Bruce, of Kennet, who was the father of a son named David. The last married Agnes Redhach and was the father of another David, Laird of Kennet, who died before 1496, leaving at least one son, David, who married and had two sons, Patrick and Thomas. Of these, Patrick had two sons, John and Robert, of whom the first died without issue and was succeeded by his brother. This Robert, heir to Kennet in 1556, married a daughter of Andrew Kinninmont, of Fifeshire, but left only one child, a daughter named Margaret. She married a distant cousin, Archibald, son of David Bruce, of Green, and had a son named Robert, who succeeded to the Kennet estates in 1589. By his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Alexander Gall, whom he married in 1599, Robert, was the father of another Robert, who married Agnes, daughter of Patrick Murray, and was the father in the early seventeenth century of David, Alexander, Robert, and several daughters.

Among the many early, though fragmentary, records of the name in England are those of William, Lord Bruse, of Gower, who had two sons, Piers or Peter and William, of whom the first was the father of William, the father of Peter Bruse, of Shropshire, who left only female issue; John, son of William Bruse or Brusse, of Pembroke and Gower, Wales, who left issue in Shropshire of a son named William, who was the father of Peter, who had issue about the beginning of the fourteenth century of a son named John, who resided in Cheshire, England, and was the father of a son named George, who died without issue; William de Brause, of Devonshire, about 1272; Bernard de Brus, of Huntingdonshire, in 1273; Robert de Brewes, of Lincolnshire, in 1273; William de Breuse, of Sussex, in 1273; William de Brewus or Bruys, of Kent, about the same period; and Sir Adam Brus, of Yorkshire, in the early fifteenth century, who was the father of Sir Adam, father of Sir William, father of another Sir William, who married Margaret Harwick, but left only female issue.

Many other lines of Bruce were scattered throughout England, Scotland, and Ireland by the end of the seventeenth century. Most of them were prominent families and related both by blood and marriage to the rulers of England and Scotland. Several of the younger sons of these families emigrated to America in search of adventure and wealth at this time, and still others have come over in more recent times.

Among the earliest emigrants of the name to the South were Richard Bruse, who was living in James City County, Va., in 1638; James Bruse, of Northampton County, Va., in 1645; Edward Bruce, who was living in the Isle of Wight County, Va., in 1646; Richard Bruce, of James City County, Va., in 1650; Walter Bruce, was living in Nansemond County, Va., before 1651; George Bruce, of the Northern Neck, Va., about 1660; and William Bruce of Rappahannock (later Richmond) County, Va., in 1669. It has been suggested that the above mentioned George may have been a son of the immigrant Edward, but this is conjectural. It is probable, however, that the immigrants Walter, William, and George were brothers.

Walter Bruce, the eldest of the supposed immigrant brothers, was married between 1660 and 1666 to the Widow Elizabeth Sayer, of Norfolk County, Va. He had issue by her of Abraham, John, and Nicholas. Of these, Abraham resided in Nansemond County and married Ann Brown, of Lower Norfolk County, in 1695; and John married a daughter of William Keele, of Lower Norfolk County, in the same year.

Although the records of this line in the South are not complete, it is probable that the following records refer to the descendants of Walter: Thomas Bruce, living in Norfolk County in 1717; John Bruce, died about 1720 in Norfolk County, leaving a wife named Mary and ten children, John, Jonas, Abraham, Benjamin, James, William, Eliza, Mary Sarah, and Catherine; Thomas Bruce or Bruce, of Norfolk County, will dated 1735-1736, mentions wife Mary and children, Thomas, Dinah, Bettie, and Abraham; and John Bruce, of Norfolk County, will dated 1743, mentions his brother James and two children, John and Sarah.

William Bruce, the next younger of the supposed immigrant brothers, left issue in the Northern Neck of at least one son, named Henry, who married Mary Morton, of Northumberland County Va., and left issue by her in Nansemond County of six children, Andrew, John, Joseph, Benjamin, Mary, and Elizabeth.

George Bruce, of the Northern Neck, youngest of the supposed immigrant brothers, was born about 1640, probably in Scotland, and died in Richmond County, Va., about the year 1715, leaving at least six children, George, Hensfield, Elizabeth, Charles, William, and John. Probably his wife was a daughter of Captain Robert Hensfield, of Rappahannock or Richmond County.

George, eldest son of the immigrant George, died in Westmoreland County, Va., about 1742. In his will he mentions his sons, William, George, and Charles, and four daughters, Keziah, Hannah, Jane and Christian.

Charles, son of the immigrant George, made his home in Brunswick Parish, King George County, Va. He died in 1754, leaving issue by his wife, Elizabeth Pannill, of Elizabeth, Margaret, Frances, Charles, and William. The younger of the last-mentioned brothers, William Bruce, had four sons, William, Robert, Charles, and George. Of these, Robert removed to Caroline County and left

issue there of a son named Charles; Charles left issue in Orange County, Va., by his first wife, Diana Banks, whom he married about 1772; also gave him three children, Thomas, William, and Elizabeth; and George resided in Stafford County, Va., where he died in 1798, leaving issue by his wife, another Mary Stubblefield, of two sons, Henry (of Kentucky) and George Stubblefield (of Georgia and Kentucky).

Another possible descendant of the before-mentioned Virginia lines was John Bruce, who died in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia in 1748. He left two sons, James and George; a daughter named Ann; and a brother, James Bruce. Of the sons, James was married in Frederick County in 1784 to Lydia Jolliffe, by whom he had issue of James, George, Elizabeth J., Rachel, and Polly, and possibly of another son, named John. All of this family are said to have moved to the West, and the son James settled in Ohio.

One of the first of the Bruces to emigrate to New England was George Bruce, whose name is also found in the early records in the form of Brush. He came to Woburn, near Boston, Mass., from Scotland sometime prior to 1659, in which year he married Elizabeth Clark, of Watertown, Mass. The progeny of George and Elizabeth were William (died in infancy), William (died young), Elizabeth (died young), Mary, another William, John, another Elizabeth, George (died at birth), Joseph (died in infancy) another Joseph, Samuel (no further record), Margery, and Lydia.

William, eldest surviving son of the immigrant George of New England, married Elizabeth Gould in 1693. His children, born at Woburn, were Mary, William, John, Samuel, Abigail, Thomas James (died young), Rebecca, and Lydia. The records of all of the sons of William and Elizabeth are not available, but William Bruce died in 1723, probably unmarried; John Bruce left issue by his wife, Martha Carter, whom he married in 1721, of Martha, William (progenitor of families of the name at Marlborough, Mass.), Elizabeth, John, Timothy, and Mary; while Samuel Bruce married Rebecca Winn, of Woburn, in 1729 and had issue by her of Samuel, Rebecca, Susanna, Sarah, and James.

John, second surviving son of the immigrant George, was married in 1693 to Rose Wattle or Waters, by whom he had a son named Benjamin, and possibly other children as well. By his second wife, Isabel Lepingwell, whom he married in 1724, John had issue of six children, John, Thomas, Isabel, George, James, and Joseph. Of these Benjamin Bruce married Abigail Morse in 1719 and was the father by her at Framingham and Mendon, Mass., of Lois, Eunice, Jonathan, Benjamin, and James; John Bruce had issue at Woburn by his wife Mehitable of eight children, Mehitable (died young), John, Silas, another Mehitable, Mary, Joseph, Rhoda, and David; George Bruce married Mary Holt and had issue at Woburn of George (died in infancy), another George, Thomas, Anna, Lewis, Mary, and Sally; and Joseph Bruce left issue by his wife, Abigail Wyman, of a son named Joseph.

Joseph, third surviving son of the immigrant George, was the father by his wife Hannah of at least four children, George, Joseph (died young), Hannah, and another Joseph. Of these, George removed to Mendon, Mass., and left issue there by his wife, Abigail Sampson, whom he married in 1727, of George (progenitor of families of the name at Leicester, Mass., and Machias, Me.), Abigail, Elizabeth and Joseph, of whom the last was the progenitor of the family of the name at Grafton, Mass.; and Joseph left issue by his wife Elizabeth of a son named Simon.

Another early immigrant was John Bruce, supposedly a native of Edinburgh, Scotland, who was resident at Sudbury, Mass., prior to 1672. He had issue by his wife Elizabeth of six children, John Hannah, Mary, Eunice, Martha, and Roger.

John, the elder son of the immigrant John of Sudbury, made his home at Framingham, Mass. He married Elizabeth (probably née Eager) and is said to have had ten children by her, including Elizabeth, Benjamin, Margaret, Lydia, Mary, Martha, John, and Jonathan. The son John married Mary Potter in 1734 and was the father by her of Keziah, Ephraim (died young), Sarah, another Ephraim, Molly, John, Lydia, Lucy, and Charles Bruce, of Framingham and Brookfield, Mass.

Roger Bruce, who was living at Marlborough, Mass., before 1691, was the before-mentioned younger son of the immigrant John. By his wife Elizabeth, he was the father of Samuel, Abijah, Elisha, Rebecca, Sarah, Daniel, Thomas, Hannah, Deliverance, and David. He removed before 1695 to Framingham, where he died in 1733 and where all but the first two of his children were born. Of the sons of Roger and Elizabeth, Samuel had issue by his wife Elizabeth of three sons, Joseph, Samuel, and Roger Bruce; Abijah married Mary Woods in 1719, but the names of his progeny are not available; Elisha was the father at Worcester and Southboro, Mass., by his wife Silence of Jotham and Elisha Bruce; Daniel married Bathsheba Bowker in 1732 and was the father by her at Marlborough, Mass., of Abraham, Benjamin, John, and Daniel Bruce; Thomas probably left issue at Bolton by his wife Sarah, but his records are not complete; and David left issue at Southboro of at least four sons, David, Phineas, Joseiah, and Moses Bruce.

In the year 1677 two Bruces, James and Peter, were living at Haverhill, Mass. Their records are, however, incomplete.

Jonas Bruce came from Scotland to America between 1740 and 1750 and settled in New York. He was the father of a son named Jonas, who married Sarah Shaver and was the father by her of at least three sons, Charles, Jacob, and Jonas, all of New York.

Sometime before 1750 one Timothy Bruce came from Scotland to Bolton, Mass. He married Susanna Joslin, by whom he probably had four sons, Timothy, Thomas, Samuel, and William, although only the first is certain. The descendants of Timothy resided in Massachusetts, Maine, New Hampshire, and New Brunswick, Canada.

John Bruce, of Sudbury, Mass., and Fitzwilliam, N.H., may have been another son of the before-mentioned Timothy. He married Mary Joslin before 1770 and had issue by her of Lucy, Polly, Lydia, Esther, William, John (died young), Thomas, and Cyrus, of whom the last settled in Vermont.

Among the others of the name who came to America toward the end of the eighteenth century and in the early nineteenth century were Robert Bruce, who came from Scotland in the ship Amherst in 1774 and settled in New England; Thomas Bruce, who came from Scotland to Durham, N.H., before 1780 and was the father of at least one son, also named Thomas, who made his home at Sanbornton, N.H.; and John Bruce, of Scotland, "whose father George was a kinsman of the Earl of Elgin". The last of these immigrants came about 1820 and settled at Winchester, Va., where he left numerous issue by his wife, Sidney Smith.

The bearers of the name of Bruce have been characterized in general by courage, energy, willful and domineering natures, strength of character, and impulsiveness. Many have shown executive ability in politics and business, while others have been outstanding in educational and literary fields.

Among those of the name who served in the War of the Revolution were Captain William Bruce, of Maryland; Abraham, Benjam, Sergeant George, Henry, Sergeant John, Mordecai, Robert C., Samuel, Captain William, and Captain Charles Bruce, of Virginia; Sergeant Abner, Corporal Charles, Corporal Daniel Jr., Sergeant David, Sergeant John, Corporal Jonas, Lieutenant Joseph, Corporal Nathaniel, Corporal Simeo, and Sergeant Thomas Bruce, of Massachusetts; Alberson, Album, Arnold, George, Giles, Morma or Norman, and Thomas Bruce, of North Carolina; and many more from the other States of that period.

Robert, John, Thomas, David, William, Andrew, Alexander, James, Henry, Edward, George, Charles, and Harold are some of the masculine Christian names frequently recurrent in the annals of the Bruces.

Bearers of the name who have been prominent in America in recent years include the following:

Philip Alexander Bruce (b. 1856), of Virginia,
Author

William George Bruce (b. 1856), of Wisconsin,
publisher and author.

William Herschel Bruce (b. 1856), of Georgia and
Texas, college president.

William Cabell Bruce (b. 1860), of Virginia and Maryland,
lawyer, author, and United States Senator.

Andrew Alexander Bruce (b. 1866), of England, Illinois, and Wisconsin, judge and professor of law.

James Deacon Bruce (b. 1872), of Canada and Michigan, Physician.

Henry Addington Bayley Bruce (b. 1874), of Canada and Massachusetts, author.

Gustav Marius Bruce (b. 1879), of Norway and Minnesota, theologian.

Edward Bruce (b. 1879), of New York, artist and lawyer

Howard Bruce (b. 1879), of Virginia and Maryland, businessman and chairman of numerous boards and commissions.

James Latimer Bruce (b. 1880), of Ireland and Missouri, mining engineer.

Harold Lawton Bruce (b. 1887), of Massachusetts and California, university professor.

Harold Rozelle Bruce (b. 1890), of Wisconsin and New Hampshire, professor of political science.

James Bruce (b. 1892), of Maryland and Washington, D.C., banker.

Probably the most ancient and best known of the several coats of arms borne by the Scottish family of Bruce is that described in heraldic terms as follows (Burke, Encyclopaedia of Heraldry, 1844)

Arms.--"Or, a saltire and chief gules."

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Memoirs of the Bruce Family

Written by WILLIAM BRUCE, August 6th, 1851, Aged 75 Years

My first recollection that I have of my ancestors was hearing my grandfather, James Bruce, telling that himself and a younger brother, George Bruce, came from Scotland about the year 1740. My grandfather located in Winchester, Virginia. He was a house carpenter by trade, and I have heard him say that he built the first frame house that was ever built in that town.

About the year 1744 he married a Margaret McMahon and moved to the north branch of the Potomac in Maryland. He continued there, following his trade and farming, until he raised a large family of children. My father, William Bruce, was the eldest. He was born the 14th day of February, 1745. There were two sons younger than my father and six daughters, viz., Elizabeth, who married a man by the name of Thomas Anderson; Margaret, who married David Cox; Jane, who married a William Marshall; Nancy, who married Samuel Percifull, and who was married to Samuel Glass; and James, who married Polly Runyen; George, who married the widow Biggs. My father married a widow Percifull, and the youngest sister, Sally, married a Joshua Carmen, a Baptist preacher, a man of excellent character and a considerable speaker. He moved to the state of Ohio about fifty years ago, raised a large family and died in a good old age, about eighty-five.

From the above enumerated uncles and aunts there has sprung an almost innumerable multitude. They mostly moved to Kentucky at an early day and settled in Nelson county. My father, soon after he married my mother, moved to the Monongahela, settled about 14 miles above Pittsburg, between the mouth of Peter's creek and Newels' store, now Elizabeth-town. It was then the haunt of Indians, and forts were the only place of safety for the families of those hardy pioneers. I had two sisters older than myself that were born in the

fort, and I, the third child, was born soon after they ventured to their farms. I was born the 6th day of August, 1776, one month and two days after the independence was declared. I can, with the Apostle Paul, say that I was free born.

While our forefathers had to obtain their freedom by their blood and treasure during the Revolutionary war, my father was frequently called upon to perform military service.

The first that I recollect him talking about was being stationed at a place then called Catfish's camp, called after an old Indian chief, near a place now called Washington and not far from a place on the Monongahela then called Red Stone. My father served then in the capacity of lieutenant. The next service he performed was under General George Rogers Clarke. He commanded a company under that veteran soldier to Louisville, and was absent from home some five or six months.

As to my mother's family I have a very imperfect knowledge. Her maiden name was Polly Lucas. Her first husband was Richard Percifull. After his death she married my father. My grandfather by my mother's side was William Lucas. What my Grandmother Lucas' maiden name was I never learned, as she died about my first recollection. My Grandfather Lucas died before I was born. All I know is that he was a sea-faring man.

I recollect an uncle Robinson Lucas and two aunts. They married two brothers, William and Dennis Murphy, and moved to the state of Ohio at an early date. As I before observed, I was born at a time that tried men's souls. None but a man that had no fear of Indians would venture to risk his family where the prowling wolf and subtile savage roamed.

There the Whig and Tory often lived in one fort, but it happened that my grandfather and father were true American Whigs. I fortunately partook of the same spirit and have retained it to this day.

When I was about nine years old, my father sold his plantation on the Monongahela and moved to Kentucky. I think it was in the fall of 1784. We landed at the mouth of Bear Grass. Louisville was then a small village and there was a

garrison with some United States troops kept there. We lived there that winter and in the spring of 1785 moved on the waters of Coxes creek, (now Nelson county) named after my uncle, David Cox, who had settled there a few years previous. My father bought 200 acres of land and commenced making a farm. The first settlers had just ventured from the forts. I recollect having to stand and watch while my father was at work, with his rifle well braced standing against a tree close at hand.

About this time Colonel Isaac Cox was killed by the Indians while out surveying on a branch called Powel's run, waters of the east fork of Coxes creek and about four miles from where my father lived. This made quite a stir in the neighborhood, and men were stationed at different places along the frontier settlements.

That was the last murder that was committed by the Indians between Salt river and Bardstown. From that time on until the close of the Indian war, after General Anthony Wayne gave them such a scourging, times gradually became more safe, and settlements were pushed on to the Ohio river.

At the age of 22 I was married to the third daughter of Captain Charles Polke, of Shelby county, and the youngest of his four children who were taken prisoners by the Indians when they took and burnt his fort. He had been called away with his company of militia from Simpson's creek, where his fort stood, to succor the fort on Bear Grass, as it was believed, from the sign that had been discovered, that the enemy in a large body was about to make a descent on the forts in that quarter. But the wily savages, after they found that the principal part of the men had been called away, changed their course, and near 100 of them attacked Polke Station, killed several, and took the rest prisoners, after burning the fort.

Among the prisoners was my mother-in-law and the four children above mentioned, to-wit: William Polke, who has been very conspicuous from the early settling of Knox county, Indiana, until his death about eight years ago, having filled various important trusts. He was one who helped frame the first constitution of Indiana in 1816. He was commissioner

for the Michigan road for a number of years, frequently served in the legislature of the state, and was register of the land office at Fort Wayne at the time of his death.

The eldest daughter, Elizabeth, married Captain Spier Spencer, who fell in the battle of Tippecanoe. He was of Indian fighting notoriety, and his death was much lamented.

The second daughter, Nancy, married Peter Ruby. Some of her children are still living in Knox county. The third, Sally, became my wife October 23d, 1798. I then bought me a small tract of land on the waters of Coxes creek, Nelson county, Kentucky, and made a small farm, when an older claim took it away from me.

I then packed up what little plunder I had, my wife, and four children, on horseback, and moved to Vincennes, Indiana, in the spring of 1805, and rented five acres of ground to raise corn, for which I paid \$25.00 cash. Those were pretty tough times. That summer I purchased 200 acres on which Bruceville now stands, built a cabin, and in October the same year, moved to it. I had a few white neighbors scattered about and quite a number of redskins, hunting and traveling through all parts of our country, the Delawares, Miamis, Shawnees, Potawatomies, etc.; but at that time they were entirely friendly and continued so until Tecumseh commenced collecting them at Tippecanoe in 1809, '10, and '11, when we had to be more on our guard.

In September, 1811, the expedition to the Prophet's town started up the Wabash. The summer before I had been ordered by General Wm. Henry Harrison, governor and commissioner in chief of Indiana territory, to bring my command of militia to Vincennes and to remain there 20 days, as it was then thought that the Indians intended to make a descent on Vincennes. I was there 20 days, and as I was the oldest captain in the regiment, and had performed a tour, the next oldest was called to take the command of the company that was called from our battalion, and as I could not go as an officer, I turned out a volunteer in the spring, under the captain, Tousaint Dubois, and a more brave and patriotic man did not live, loved by his men and true to his country. Some

years after, he was drowned on the road from St. Louis home, regretted by all who had the slightest acquaintance with him.

The army marched about two miles above Terre Haute, and there built Fort Harrison, and called it after our patriotic general. We were about one month erecting the fort. When it was completed, the army pursued its route up the Wabash to the mouth of Big Vermillion, when we halted one day and built a block house. From that point, six of the spies six of Robb's company were ordered back by General Harrison, myself among the number, to have the militia in a state of readiness and keep scouts passing every day from Wabash to White River, lest the Indians should fall in the rear of the army and surprise and butcher the frontier settlements.

As Harrison was well acquainted with the Indian character, he took this precaution. The battle was fought the 7th of November, 1811. Our poor men were badly handled and the Indians worse. The night of the battle, myself in company with my then lieutenant and now Esquire Wilkins, of Merom, Sullivan county, camped about one and one half miles west of where Edwardsport now stands, having been on the lookout between the two rivers. After a few months of calm, the difficulty broke out afresh. The citizens had to build stockade forts for the protection of their families. We suffered many inconveniences from being so crowded together, nevertheless we were quite peaceable and happy. There is nothing like enemies without to make peace within.

The fort I lived in was on my own place. Some of the rails made white oak pickets which, I believe, are in existence yet. When peace was again made, it terminated the third frontier life that I had experienced and I hope the last. My family still increased until the year 1818 when I had the misfortune to lose my companion. She died after giving birth to our fifteenth child. She was a pious and worthy member of the Baptist church, and had been for a number of years, and not a doubt remains with me but that her pure spirit winged its way to the climes of Immortal Glory.

In 1819 I married my second wife, Hetty R. Holmes, daughter of William and Elizabeth Ann Holmes. They moved from North Elkhorn, Fayette county, near Lexington, Ken-

tucky. My present wife is still living, a healthy woman in her 57th year. She has had ten children, seven boys and three girls, nine of whom are living. As I have given a general history of my ancestors as far back as I have my recollection, I will give a more particular detail of my brothers and sisters together with my immediate family and their fruitful increase. My eldest sister married one Joshua McDonald. They are both dead. Some of their children live in this state. My second sister, Margaret, married John Spencer, oldest brother of Spier Spencer who fell in the battle of Tippecanoe. They had 12 or 14 children, some living in Terre Haute and near, but most of them in Boone county, in this state. My sister is still living, now in her 77th year, two years older than myself. My brother, James, who was 15 months younger than myself, married Polly Froma, in Kentucky, and moved to Rough creek, Brackenridge county, Kentucky. He had a large family. They mostly reside in the same county. He has been dead about 17 or 18 years. My youngest sister, Polly, married John Glasscock. They had but three children. She is still living in the 71st year of her age. They live in Brackenridge county.

As I have before informed you whom I married and when I moved to this state and where I settled, I will now inform you of the increase of my family. In the first place I had 25 children, 15 boys and 10 girls, 16 of whom are now living. Five died in their infancy, four since they arrived at maturity. My eldest son, Charles P. Bruce, married Angeline G. Wright, in the state of Ohio, by whom he had four children. After her death he married Nancy P. Harrison, daughter of Joshua Harrison, of Montgomery county. His last wife has had 10 children. Ten of the 14 are still living. Charles died last summer.

William D. Bruce married Betsey Polke, had six children, four of whom are still living. He died 15 years ago this month. His widow married again, and lives on the Illinois river, state of Illinois.

My eldest daughter, Delilah, married John A. Holmes, brother to my second wife. They have had 12 children, 8 of

whom are now living. They live in Ogle county, Illinois, near Buffalo Grove P. O.

My third living son, Spier Bruce, married Rachel Chambers, by whom he had 9 children. Three are dead and she is also. His second wife was the widow Lite, and they live in this county.

My second daughter, Polly, married Squire Bruce. They also live in Ogle county, Rock river, Illinois. They have had 12 children, 7 of whom are living. My third daughter, Betsey, married John Lafollette. They live in Putnam county, this state. They had 12 children, 8 of whom are living.

Lucinda, my fourth daughter, married John H. Sorogin. They had six children, and one is dead. He died about three years ago and she lives in Bruceville.

My fourth son, Henry H. Bruce, married Jane Singleton. They had four children, three of whom are living. She died, and he married his second wife, Mary Ann Cooper, and had one child. They live in Kansas on the Missouri river, state of Missouri. My next daughter, Kitty Ann, died in her 14th year. My fifth son, Isaac D. Bruce, had three children, one dead. He is in California, now, if living. My fifth daughter, Sally, married Vincent S. McClure. They had four children, three living. They live near Shaker Prairie in this county.

My eldest son, Weston H. Bruce, by my second wife and my sixth married son, married America Singleton, had two children, lived in Kansas City, Missouri, and died about two years ago. His widow married again and now lives near Wishnabattery on the Missouri river.

My seventh married son, James C. Bruce, married Martha Elliott. They have one child living about one mile from Bruceville. Harry J. Bruce, my eighth married son, married Mary Rader. He has five children, all living. His place joins mine. My sixth married daughter, Nancy Ann, married James F. McClure, and had five children, three of them living. She lives in this county near Shaker Prairie.

John H. Bruce, my ninth married son, married Angelina Threlkeld, lives about three miles from Bruceville. Elnor, my seventh married daughter, married William Simpson. She

has had three children, two living, and they live about three-quarters of a mile from Bruceville.

I have my three youngest living with me. Margaret, my youngest daughter [afterwards married to Wm. M. Kesinger], David C., and William D. The second William was born about four days before his brother William died. He was 15 years old the 12th day of August, 1851, and is now six feet high and pretty well proportioned. I have been blessed with healthy, industrious and economical wives, otherwise my lot would have been more severe. I have always been blessed with sufficient food and raiment to get along comfortably, never burdened with wealth or distressed with penury. My sons and son-in-laws have all been sober, industrious men, all doing reasonably well. They with their wives are almost all professors of the Christian religion, and most of them belong to the Christian congregation of the Disciples. The living members of my family are:

Children	16
Grandchildren, husbands and wives.....	72
Great-Grandchildren	17
Myself and wife.....	2
Making a total of.....	117
Dead	30

Thus far the Good Lord has brought me and prospered me. I have endeavored (as far as my fallable nature would permit) to preserve an upright and honest course and the Lord has been my helper and in his merits is my trust.

I am now at the advanced age of 75 years and have never been one day without something to eat and reasonable raiment. "Blessed be His Holy Name." I have enjoyed uncommon health, never been confined to my bed an entire day in my life, although I feel the outer man decay very sensibly, yet my health is uncommon good. My action is gone, my energy is failing fast, my sight has become so dim that I do not know one of my family half across the house, but still I can see to read and write without my glasses. How great that blessing is!

About the year 1800 my first wife and myself united with the Baptist church on Coxes creek, Nelson county, Kentucky.

We continued our membership there until the spring of 1805, when we received letters of dismission and moved to Knox county, Indiana (then territory). About the fall of 1807, as well as I recollect, we collected 12 or 14 scattering Baptists over as many miles around, and was constituted a church by John Taylor and William Heller, of Kentucky. The constitution took place at my house, on the tract of land that Bruceville now stands on. We called it the Wabash church. We still gathered a few by letter, some by baptism. Our first preacher was a William Braxelton [Brazelton], quite a speaker but passed off considerable enthusiasm when the Shakers located themselves in this country. He was carried off with them and we were very happily rid of him and his wife.

We increased until we were strong enough to build us a comfortable log house to worship in, on the same ground that the Presbyterian brick house now stands on the road leading from Bruceville to Vincennes.

Some years after, a number of my first wife's family and other Baptists moved on Maria creek and concluded to be constituted into a church there, when my wife and I received letters of dismission and constituted a church called Maria Creek church. Our membership continued there till her death in 1810. The church prospered greatly for several years after. I think that when a few of us at Bruceville, say nine, petitioned for letters of dismission, as well as I recollect, the church book numbered 170 members, but suspicion got afloat that we intended to be constituted on the scripture without any other creed or confession of faith. The spirit of persecution commenced and on the day we were constituted some twenty more of their members broke off from them and were constituted with us from that time. The old members kept leaving them until more than fifty of their numbers left them and our congregation increased under the ministry of Brother David Warford, first, and Brother Maurice R. Trimble next, until our church numbered over 100. The Good Lord still blesses us. We let off constitution and parts to several constitutions. We still number over 100 and the Good Lord still blesses us with prosperity under the ministry of Brother Wolfe, who preaches for us once a month.

But the persecuting spirit of a few of their leading members of poor old Maria Creek church against us and others that think the Scripture sufficient rule for our faith and practice has reduced them to a mere skeleton. Thus far I have given a correct history of my ancestors and my own family as my imperfect memory would allow, together with the length of time and want of records would allow and only have to regret that my progresses in the line of life have been so small.

Bruceville, July 12th, 1853.

My great grandfather, Major William Bruce, who has chronicled this family history down to the above date, was justly proud of his honorable and worthy ancestors; and that their deeds of heroism, Loyalty and hardships might not be forgotten, he took up his pen on his seventy-fifth birthday and wrote the interesting bit of history which you have just read. To those of us living today (1910) the deeds here recorded are as a romance. The imaginative story of the famous Capt. John Smith and his miraculous escape from the Indians here has its parallel in truth in our own family history. My great-great-grandmother, together with her four helpless children-the youngest, my great grandmother-were captured by the Indians; and though many in the fort were murdered, they it seems were miraculously saved from the cruel tomahawk. We know nothing personally of these strange stories of frontier life, and of the struggle to live and rear a family under such circumstances, but the brave deeds of our ancestors and forefathers is a legacy of which we are justly proud, for it was such as they who paid the great price of this grand civilization which we enjoy today.

A number of times I have visited old Fort Harrison of which place mention has been made, and saw the logs of that historic fort which are still to be seen. But how much greater is my interest now since learning that my great grandfather was one of the men who built the fort. In fact I am now writing at my home which is only one and one half miles from Fort Harrison, which is now a private park of a wealthy citizen of Terre Haute. While there has been some talk of trying to get the government to purchase this ground and convert it into a national park, yet no move that I know of has been ^{Taken} on the part of the government to this end.

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Now in order that this valuable family record may not be lost and forgotten I should like to complete it to the present time. This is done not for the purpose primarily of recording deeds of unusually great moment but for the purpose of giving the family increase since Major William Bruce's time, and before those who are able to furnish

the necessary data have passed on to the ^{by} great ^B beyond.

In the above record the writer in giving the increase of his family stated that his eldest child Charles Polk Bruce married Angeline Wright of Ohio, and after her death, he married Nancy P. Harrison of Montgomery Co. Ind. It is the descendents of this Chas. Polk Bruce, my grandfather, ^{and his second wife} which I wish to record. There was nothing unusual in his life. He lived the customary simple life of the times. When a boy on a surveying expedition he saw a tract of land which struck his fancy and he remarked that he would some day own it. Later he bought the land, which is just west of Ladoga, Ind. for \$1.25 per acre. He made this his home and reared his large family here. This same land now could probably not be bought for less than \$200.00 an acre. My grandfather died sixteen years before I was born and I can not speak of him from memory. He was born Oct. 15, 1799. I was not able to find where he was born. He died Sept. 19, ^{1850?} of flux.

My grandmother Nancy P. Bruce was born Jan. 28, 1814 and died Sept. 18 1910, at the ripe old age of nearly eighty eight. She was a very cheerful and intelligent old woman. She always kept posted on family matters, and could write a good legible hand. She had a genuine hospitality for her friends and relatives. Many a pleasant hour I have spent visiting and listening to her relate the experiences of her life. Her mental faculties were not impaired with age. Her physical powers were declining for a number of years before her death, but she was able to piece quilts after she was past eighty-two. After the death of her husband she made her home with her youngest son Thomas Bruce, on a farm in Boone Co. Ind.

Grandfather had three children by his first wife-William W., Samuel M. and Angelina.

William W. Bruce was born at Ladoga Ind. April 25, 1826. Together with others he went to California and died on the road at Carson Sives, a

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Samuel M. Bruce was born at Ladoga Ind. Sept. 9, 1828, and died at Sauk Centre Minn. Aug. 1, 1897. He married Sarah E. Layman Dec. 18, 1862. They had two children Minnie A. and Florence Belle.

Minnie A. Bruce, born Feb. 16, 1864. Married John L. Mullin Dec. 18, 1889. He died as the result of an accident, June 30, 1893. Minnie now resides in Sauk Centre, Minn.

Children: Bruce Hamilton, born Nov 23, 1890. and Ara Elizabeth, born Aug 10, 1892.

Florence Belle Bruce, born Sept. 9, 1866. Married George Fish Dec. 18, 1889. This was a double wedding.

Children: Paul Bruce ~~MT~~, born Sept. 7, 1890. and Clarence and Harry F. twins, born Dec. 15, 1895. Clarence died Dec 20, 1895 and Harry, Dec. 23, 1895. George Milton F. born Sept. 23, 1899 .

Angelina Bruce, born May 10, 1831. Married James M. Thomason Feb. 1, 1855. She is dead but I do not have the date of her death.

Children: Edward T. There are no grandchildren.

Joshua Harrison Bruce, born at Ladoga Ind. March 22, 1833. Married Sarah B. LaFollette Nov. 18, 1855. In 1863 he moved with his family to Minnesota and lived for 10 years on a farm two and one half miles from Sauk Center. Afterwards he moved to a farm 10 miles from the same city, where he lived 14 till his death. Some thought he died of cancer of the stomach. He had served in the state legislature of Minnesota. His wife is still living, having just celebrated her seventy-third birthday. They had nine children: Mary P. born Nov. 22, 1856, Sarah Melvina, born Aug. 28, 1859, Angelina, born Nov. 10, 1861, died 10 months after birth, Eliza Ellen, born June 16, 1863, Charles F. Robert, born Nov. 13 1865, Wallace, born Dec. 2 1867, Joshua Jr. born Jan. 22 1870, James Milton, born Jan, 1872, Mable Orinda, born June 29, 1879, Wallace Bruce died in July 1908, and Joshua Oct. 8, 1888.

Hettie Ann Shaver was born Dec.10,1834.She married David C.Shaver July 31,1851.I was unable to get a more detailed record of this member of the family.

They were the parents of nine children,six girls and three boys. Sarah E.born June 3,1852;Mary A.born May 30,1853;Wallace H.born Dec.12,1855;Charles L.born May 28,1857;Infant daughter,born May 31,1860;Ida R. born Jan.4,1862;Susa P.born May8,1867;Adalesia born March 15,1869; Robert R.born Nov.II,1874.

Sarah E.S.married Dr.Joseph Hawk.

Mary A.S.married Joseph Foxworthy Nov.25,1882.

Wallace H.S.married Lettia Lee March 9,1881.

Ida R.S.married George Baker Oct.19,1884.

Adalesia S.S.married L.Ellsworth Jones Sept.6,1888.

Susan P.S.married Kearney Griffith Jan. 19,1890.

Robert R.S.married Minnie Baird Dec.25,1900.

Robert T.Bruce was born near Ladoga Ind. July 29,1836,and married Orinda N.Beck of Montgomery Co.Ind.June 8,1858.Most of their lives was spent on a farm in the last named county,but some years ago they retired from the farm and are now living in Crawfordsville Ind.

There were three children:Charles H.,Cora May,and Mary E.

Charles H.B.was born in 1859,married Cora Meek of Beckville Ind. They are now living in Crawfordsville Ind.

Cora M.B.was born in 1860 and died in 1868.

Mary E.B.was born in 1862.She married Charles H.Martin of Mace Ind. They are now living in Crawfordsville Ind.

Mary E.Montgomery was born near Ladoga Ind.April 2,1838.In 1855, Dec.6,she married John Montgomery who died Dec.27,1865.She was thus

Dec.6, she married John Montgomery who died Dec.27, 1865. She was thus left a widow at the age of 28, with four children. She had protracted illness during her life, but with a cheerful spirit and a determined fight she survived though she was bed-fast for years. She now lives with her daughter Anna at Frederick Okla.

There were four children: William Bruce, Robert James, Indiana, and Marietta.

William Bruce M. was born Jan. 23, 1857, and was married to Laura M. Van Cleave of Crawfordsville, Apr. 24, 1895. William was a railroader most of his life, but a short time ago he bought a farm in Okla. and is now making that his home. They have four children: Robert C. born Feb. 5, 1896; James Harvey born Dec. 21, 1897; Otis Van Cleave born May 14, 1900; and Charles Leon born June 1903. All are living

Robert James M. was born March 7, 1858; was a railroader like his brother. He married Viola Wolfe May 31, 1887. Robert died May 1, 1909. They had no children

Indiana M. was born Apr. 1, 1859 at Mattoon Ill. She married Calvin J. McCormack who died of pneumonia at Baker City Oregon. They had no children.

Marietta M. was born Oct. 11, 1863 and died June 10, 1872.

Captain Charles Henry Bruce was born Nov. 25, 1839 in Montgomery Co. Ind. He was unmarried. He was farming and teaching school when Pres. Lincoln issued the first call for volunteers. He responded to this call and was enrolled at Ladoga Ind. April 1861. For three months he was in company G. 11th Regt. (I.V.I.) under Gen. Lew Wallace. At the expiration of this three months service he resumed teaching but afterwards left his books again and returned to military life as First Lieut. of Co. E. 58th Regt. Ind. Vol. and in due time became its Capt. He also served on the staff of Maj. Gen. Wood and was especially commended for gallantry and efficiently discharging all his duties. He participated in all the battles in which his regiment was engaged from Perryville to Stone River. Then from Tullahoma campaign and Hoover's Gap. to Chickamauga where he fell in battle Sept. 20, 1863. He was well liked by his men, and was promoted to Colonel

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James Harvey Bruce was born at Ladoga Ind. Nov. 5, 1841. He married ~~Mrs~~
Mollie J. Morris of Ladoga Ind. Nov 10, 1864. Afterwards they moved to Sauk

Centre Minn., where he died May 18, 1872.

They had two children, myself the elder and John T.

I was born in Thorntown Ind. Oct. 23, 1866. By persistent efforts I was able to graduate from the Ind. State Normal School, then the Ind. State University and to do some post graduate work at Chicago Univ. I have been ^{Professor of chemistry} ~~instructor~~ in three state normals, and I am at present ^{Professor of} ~~instructor in~~ chemistry in the Ind. State ^{Teachers College} ~~Normal School~~. My life has not been eventful like that of my great grandfather, in fact no event worthy of mention here. I married Blanch C. Canfield of Lebanon Oregon Sept. 3, 1903. We have two children Muriel Canfield B. and Lillian May B. The former was born Nov. ²⁹ ~~5~~, 1904, and the latter July 23, 1905. Both are living.

John Thomas B. was born March 1, 1868, and married Lillie A. Bond in 1892. Her home was Carmel Ind.. She died Sept. 10, 1894. He later married Ada Miller of Whitestown Ind. There was one child by the first marriage Elmer Harrison B. born April 5, 1893 and one child by the last, Irma who is now living.

John Willson Bruce was born Jan. 27, 1844 at Ladoga Montgomery Co. Ind. He was married to Mary Ellen Nidiffer Dec. 2, 1863. He enlisted in the civil war Oct 5, 1861 in Co. G. 39th Ind. Volunteers for three years service. After the fight at ~~Shiloh~~ Stone River they were mounted and he was promoted to Quarter Master Sargent and on the 16th of Feb, 1864 was discharged by reenlisting as veteran. On the 5th of Oct, 1864 he was wounded and lay in the hospital and at home for several months. He had two lead balls removed, one remaining to this day. He was discharged May 25, 1865 on account of the close of the war. A government commission was made out for his bravery. This he received after the close of the war.

They had three children, William Robert, Etta Fay, and Arthur J.

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Etta Fay B. was born Aug. 5, 1878 at Sauk Centre, Minn. and died at Broken Bow Neb. May 10, 1892.

Arthur J. B. was born Oct. 28, 1882 at Sauk Centre, Minn. He married Ingabee Carpenter at Bloomington Neb. July 3, 1906. They have two children

Harry John Robert B. born Apr. 8, 1907, at ^aNaponee Neb. and Burnease B. born Sept. 5, 1908 at Naponee Neb.

Nancy Ellen Bruce was born in Montgomery Co. Ind. Jan. 7, 1846 and died Sept. 25, 1850.

Sarah Margaret Bruce was born in Montgomery Co. Ind. Sept. 31, 1848 and died Sept. 5, 1850.

Thomas Polk Bruce was born Sept. 18, 1850, in Montgomery Co. Ind. and lived there till 1867 when he went to Minn., but returned to Ind. in 1872. He was married to Sarah E. Mills Jan. 2, 1873, who died May 27, 1878. To this union three children were born—all in Montgomery Co. Ind. Harry M. B. was born Oct. 10, 1873, and died Sept. 19, 1874; Charles Edgar B. born July 27, 1875. and an infant daughter born May 13, 1878.

Charles Edgar was married to Clarrissa Ellen Swisher in Nov. 1896. They have two children, Eva Ellen, born Aug. 29, 1897, and Mary Lola, born Jan. 28, 1903.

After the death of his wife, Thomas P. Bruce broke up housekeeping and made his home with his mother. In 1882 he married Missouri C. Akers who died Aug. 3, 1902. They had one child, Robert Earl born Mar. 9, 1885. He married Lillie E. Caldwell Mar. 3, 1907 to which union one child was born Thelma Lavon B. July 8, 1905.

In 1907 Thomas P. Bruce married Lillie E. Caldwell, and they are living on a farm in Boone Co. Ind.

I had hoped when starting out to make this record to get a more complete life history of each, but have not been able to do so, and so I must close with the family history of Thomas P. Bruce, the youngest of grand-

close with the family history of Thomas P. Bruce , the youngest of grand-fathers children. I think I might add however for the future generations of the family that on the whole this branch of the Bruce family has been unusually industrious. Not a single one that I know of who is dependent upon society for a living. Nearly all have acquired a fair portion of this world's goods. They have been law abiding . Not to my knowledge has one

ever been convicted of crime. They have been conservative but progressive men and women.

And now it affords me great pleasure to bring up to date this family record and to hand it down to the future children with a benediction on ~~the~~ the achievements of our good forefathers and with the hope that our children may never do anything to bring dishonor or disgrace to the good family name.

signed:-

Edwin M Bruce

July I, 1911.

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DEATH OF E. M. BRUCE.—Ely M. Bruce, well-known in this city, died on Saturday in New York, at the Southern Hotel, of which he was one of the proprietors. Mr. Bruce represented the Covington District in the rebel Congress at Richmond during the last two years of the rebellion. In the early part of the war he had the contract to supply one of rebel armies with beef, out of which, it is said, he made a million dollars in profit.

Bruce
Family

1880

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Wm Bruce

Family Record of Wm Bruce
Marriages

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William Bruce was married to Sally Polke, October 23 on Tuesday, 1798.

Second Marriage
William Bruce was married to Hethy R. Holmes February 2nd, on Tuesday 1819.

Delilah Taylor Bruce was married to John Andrew Holmes Sept. 1819.

Polly Lucas Bruce was married to Squire Bruce the 15th of January 1822.

William D. Bruce was married to Betsey Polk, 6th of March 1823.

This record from Major Wm. Bruce's family Bible was copied by Mary Alice Bruce Vincent, daughter of Harvey Judson Bruce in 1906.

From Lelah B. Hawk great grand daughter of H. J. Bruce

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Continuation of Record
of Major William Bruce's family

Charles Polk Bruce was
married to Angelina C. White
on 14 of December 1823.

Betsy Bruce was married
to John Lafollett Sept 23rd 1827.

Spier Spencer Bruce was
married to Rachel Chambers
March 29, 1827.

Charles P. Bruce was mar-
ried to his second wife

Fancy P. Harrison June 7th 1832

^{Sally}
Polly Harris Bruce was mar-
ried to Vincent Scott McClure
November 18th, 1834.

Henry Harrison Bruce was
married to Jane Singleton

May 6, 1835

Second wife Mary ^{Ann} Cooper

3/ ^{Continuation of Record}
of Major Wm Bruce family

Lucinda Bruce was married to John Henderson Serogon May 6th, 1835

Isaac Dunn Bruce married to Melly Trimble, Aug. 1835

Harvey Judson Bruce was married to Mary Roder Thursday the 17 of December 1840

James Clark Bruce was married to Martha Elliott on Tuesday Feb. 1st, 1842.

Nancy Ann Bruce was married to James Franklin McClure March 10, 1842.

4 Continuation of family

Record of Major Gen Bruce

Ellenor Angelina Bruce was
married to Wm Simpson
on March 18th, 1846

Heaton Holmes Bruce was
married to America Singleton
in 1845

John H. Bruce was married
to Angelina Threlkeld Nov. 7
1850

Margaret Jane Bruce was
married to Wm Hessinger on
April 10th, 1855

William T. Bruce was
married to widow Terra
Fairhurst, (about the
year 1860, I do not know
Abel Bruce Vincent)

5)

Record of Major M^r Bruce

James C. Bruce married
Rebecca A. Harper Dec. 28
1872 (Second wife) ^{Two} children

Spier Spencer Bruce mar-
ried the widow ^{Catherine} Light
1848. (Second wife.)

Record of Major Bruce.

James C. Bruce had two children by second marriage to wife,

Martha B. Bruce who died Oct. 24, 1882, aged nine years.

Elliott Bruce died Aug. 28, 1876, aged 1 yr 11 days.

James C. Bruce died Mar 5, 1899. (At this writing his wife Rebecca Bruce (his second wife) is living. July 7, 1906

Aunt Book
died April 11-1920

James McBlaine, Nancy Bruce's first husband, died. She then married James Kirk of Junction City Oregon.

7. Continuation of family

Record of Major ~~Wm~~ Bruce

Nancy Bruce ~~Wm~~ ~~Ellis~~ Kirk
died in Junction City Oregon
Thursday Aug. 9, 1900

Nancy Bruce & Elmer had
Eight children. Hamilton,
unmarried, had no children,
Jane, married Frank Owen
and had fifteen children.
Albert, married, had three
children. Ellis married
Fanny Kirk, had one child.
Fanny died, Ellis married
second time and had two
children. Robert died un-
married. Alice married
James Adkins, had five
children. Mary Ella, married

8 Record of Major Bruce

Thomas Ayers, had three children. Then died.

Margaret, married Mr. Houston and has three children she lives at Eugene Oregon.

Sally
Polly Bruce McClure had three children, married, Hetty, Jane, and William, Hetty

McClure Bond had ten children, Jane Lyon had eight or ten children.

William, had two children
Sally
Polly died in Oregon

David Bruce lives in Junction City Oregon and never married.

Sally Bruce McClure died in 1853. In 1854 Vincent McClure married Sarah Benson. They had a little boy baby, who lived only 5 months. Sarah Benson had two little girls. Almarion Benson married Malankton Gillespie. Mary Benson married Palmer Ayers.

9. Continuation of family
Record of Major Bruce.

Births

John Bruce, father of Major
John Bruce, was born Feb.
25th 1745. He married Polly
Perciful widow of Richard
Perciful, and formerly Polly
Lucas, in the year 1771.

She died Aug. 1st 1805 aged
60 years. Then the father
of Major John Bruce married
his second wife Sally
Harris May 21st 1807. She

died Aug. 20, 1818, aged 76 yrs

Charles Polk and father of
Sally Polk Bruce was
born in 1745 Feb. 21st. She
died October 16, 1823.

10 History of Bruce family

Delilah Polk, and former
Tyler, was born 10th Feb. 1760
She died June 7, 1797 aged
37 years

William Polk was born Sep.
19th. 1776. He died April 26, 1843.

Mr Bruce's children by
first marriage.

Charles Polk Bruce, born Oct
16, 1799. on Tuesday.

(Second child died
in infancy) 1800

The 3d. child) Mr Doctor Bruce
born March 20, 1801. on Saturday.

4th child, Delilah Tyler Bruce
born Friday Sep. 3rd, 1802.

5th child) Spier Spencer Bruce born
Feb. 11 Saturday 1804

11 Continuation of Bruce

6th child

Polly Lucar Bruce, born Sept 5th
1806, on Friday.

7th child Lost a second son 1806

8th child Betsey Bruce, born 13th
of November 1807, on Friday.

9th child Lucinda Bruce, born 7th
of February 1809, on Tuesday

10th child

Henry Harrison Bruce, born
16th October 1810, on Tuesday

11th child Kitty Ann Bruce, born
Jan. 26th 1812, on Sunday

12th child Isaac Tunn Bruce born
October 30, 1813 on Saturday.

13th child, Sally Harris Bruce, born
Nov. 16th. 1815 on Wednesday.

(14th child) Nancy Bruce born Sept.
18th. 1817, on Thursday. ^{same day}

(15th child) James Bradison Bruce born
Aug 31st. 1818.

12 Continuation of Bruce History
History

Children of Major Gen. Bruce
by second wife.

16th child) Weston Holmes Bruce
born Tuesday Dec. 23, 1819

17th child) James Clark Bruce
born Tuesday Monday April 16th
1821.

18th child) Harvey Judson Bruce
born March 27th, 1823, on Thursday

19th child) Fanny Ann Bruce, born
Nov. 16th, 1824 on Monday.

20th child) John Hamilton Bruce, born
Aug. 17th, 1826, on Thursday

21st child) Elenor Angeline Bruce
born Feb. 1st 1828, on Friday.

22nd child) Margaret Jane Bruce
born Jan. 19th, 1830, on Tuesday.

23rd child) Campbell Clay Bruce
born March 26, 1832 on Monday.

24th child) David Clay Bruce, born
January 16th, 1834 on Thursday.

25th child) William Trimble Bruce
born Aug. 12, 1836, on Friday.

Deaths

William Holmes, Father of Hetty
R. Bruce died Aug. 21, 1836, aged 85 yrs

Elizabeth Ann Holmes, mother of
Hetty R. Bruce and wife of the
above Wm Holmes died Dec 21, 1838
aged 84 years

Jennet Emerson, eldest sister Hetty
R. Bruce, died March 1st 1839.
She was 60 years old

Francy Berogin, second sister of
Hetty R. Bruce, died Dec. 8, 1846, on
Tuesday.

B. 1779

Margaret Spencer, Major Bruce's
Sister, died Nov. 4, 1861, aged 77 yrs.

James Madison Bruce, infant,
died Sept. 1, 1815.

Sally Bruce first wife of
Wm. Bruce died Sept. 2, 1818,
aged 37 yrs 11 months.

Kitty Ann Bruce died May
27, 1825, aged 13 years.

Campbell Clay Bruce died
Sept. 27, 1833, aged 1 yr 6 mo.

William D. Bruce died Aug. 16,
1836, aged 35 years.

Angelina G. Bruce first wife
of Charles P. Bruce died May 11
1831, aged 30 yrs.

Rachel Bruce first wife of
S. B. Bruce died Dec. 1846.

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John H. Scrogin died March
3rd. 1848, aged 39, husband of
Lucinda Bruce Scrogin

Jane Bruce died May 29, 1848
wife of Henry Harrison Bruce.

Wesley Holmes Bruce, died Feb.
14, 1849, aged 29 yrs.

Isaac Mc Coy died June 30, 1846
aged 63 yrs.

Christiana Mc Coy died Aug. 6,
1850, aged 50 years.
(66)

H. H. Bruce died Feb. 14th. 1852
aged 41 years.

Major Bruce's youngest sister,
Polly Glascock died Feb. 1852,
aged 12 yrs.

Major Mrs Bruce died
April 23, 1854, aged 77 yrs
8 months and 11 days.

Margaret Jane Bruce Kessinger
died Jan. 6th 1902 aged 72 years
11 mo & 17 days

Hettie R. Holmes was born
October 16, 1794.

William Bruce was born 6th
of August, Sunday, 1776.

Sallie Polk, first wife was
born Sept. 22 1780.

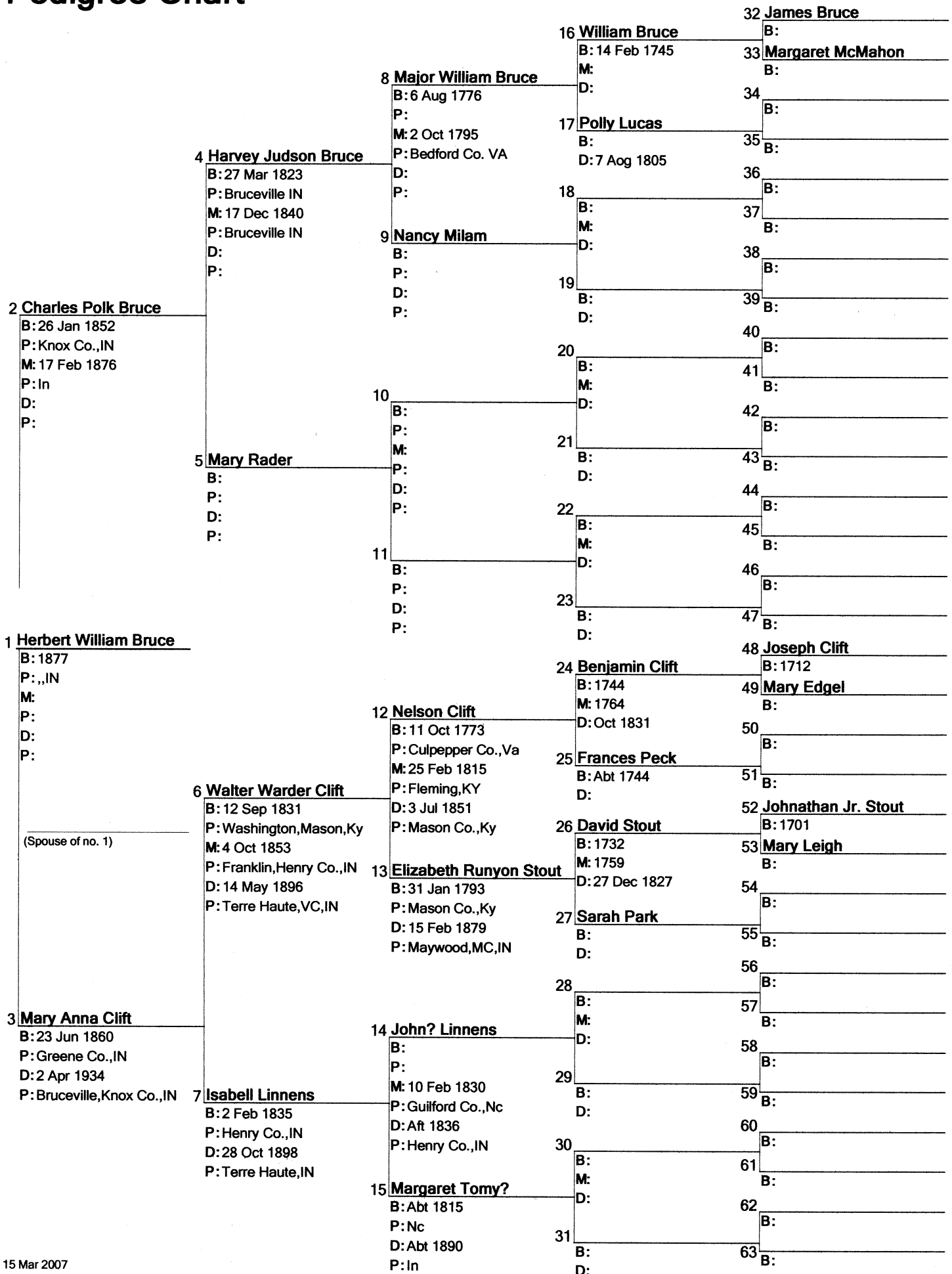
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Mary O. Yearwood*

Pedigree Chart

Chart no. 1



Pedigree Chart

Alphabetical Index

Name	Born /Chr	Died /Bur	Found on Chart	Position
Bruce, Charles Polk	26 Jan 1852		1	2
Bruce, Harvey Judson	27 Mar 1823		1	4
Bruce, Herbert William	1877		1	1
Bruce, James			1	32
Bruce, William	14 Feb 1745		1	16
Bruce, William	6 Aug 1776		1	8
Clift, Benjamin	1744	Oct 1831	1	24
Clift, Joseph	1712	21 Apr 1790	1	48
Clift, Mary Anna	23 Jun 1860	2 Apr 1934	1	3
Clift, Nelson	11 Oct 1773	3 Jul 1851	1	12
Clift, Walter Warder	12 Sep 1831	14 May 1896	1	6
Edgel, Mary			1	49
Leigh, Mary			1	53
Linnens, Isabell	2 Feb 1835	28 Oct 1898	1	7
Linnens, John?		Aft 1836	1	14
Lucas, Polly		7 Aog 1805	1	17
McMahon, Margaret			1	33
Milam, Nancy			1	9
Park, Sarah			1	27
Peck, Frances	Abt 1744		1	25
Rader, Mary			1	5
Stout, David	1732	27 Dec 1827	1	26
Stout, Elizabeth Runyon	31 Jan 1793	15 Feb 1879	1	13
Stout, Johnathan Jr.	1701	1768	1	52
Tomy?, Margaret	Abt 1815	Abt 1890	1	15

JAMES BRUCE and Brother George came from Scotland in 1740
 1744 married
MARGARET McMAHON

* WILLIAM BRUCE Born, 2-14-1745 married <u>Polly Lucas Perciful</u>	Elizabeth married Thomas Anderson	Margaret married David Cox	Jane married William Marshall	Nancy married Samuel Perciful	Ann married Samuel Glass	James married Polly Runyan	George mar. Widow Biggs	Sally mar. Joshua Carmen
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Daughter married Joshua McDonald	Margaret married John Spencer	James married Polly Froman	Polly married John Glasscock
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** MAJOR WILLIAM BRUCE
 Born Aug. 6, 1776
 mar. Sally Polk 10-23-1798,
 15 children
 mar. Hetty R. Holmes 2-2-1819
 10 children
 Included in the 25 children
 are the following 2 by
 his 2nd marriage.

* Polly Lucas Perciful
 died Aug. 7, 1805
 William Bruce later
 married Sally Harris
 May 21, 1807

** Major William Bruce
 died April 23, 1854

Harvey Judson Bruce
 Born March 27, 1823
 Married Mary Rader
 Dec. 17, 1840

John H. Bruce
 married
 Angeline Threlkeld

Charles P. Bruce
 married
 Anna Clift

Letitia Bruce
 Sallie Bruce
 married
 Daniel G. McClure

*Herbert (Dutch)
(1 son committed suicide)*
 Edna
 (Deceased)
 married twice
 Virginia Donnar
 in Texas

*Harry B. - McClure
Hollaway*
 Charles
 (Deceased)
 married twice
 no children
 Ralph L. McClure
 married
 Elsie Threlkeld

Ruth
 married
 Hugh V. Ashby
 John S. McClure

the writer

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February 18, 1967

Dear Mrs. O'Neil,

Several weeks ago I noticed your inquiry in the Indianapolis Star concerning the Bruce family. I believe I can help you some.

The William Bruce that you mentioned was my great, great, great Grand-Father. His son, Major William Bruce, who had 25 children, left not only a lot of scattered descendants, but also his memoirs. Naturally, the town of Bruceville is named for him, since, he had it platted.

According to the records I have, the James Bruce which you mentioned that had married Polly Runyan was a brother of William Bruce who married Polly Lucas Perciful, and not their son. They did have a son, James, who married Polly Froman.

I am enclosing an outline which I believe is correct. My name appears in the lower right corner. I have no information concerning the descendants of James and Polly Runyan Bruce. I do remember Mrs. Charles P. (Anna Clift) Bruce, but know nothing of her ancestors. It seems sometime, perhaps, I was told she came from the Terre Haute vicinity, but I am not sure.

Hoping I have been of some help, I remain

Very Sincerely
John S. McClure
109 E. 6th St.
Bicknell, Ind. 47512

His sister owns old homestead!

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

Charles F. ~~BRUCE~~

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	26	Jan	1852	Bruceville	Knox	Ind.	
Chr'd							
Mar.	17	Feb	1876				
Death	9	May	1928	Bruceville	Knox	Ind.	
Burial	11	"	1928	"	"	"	

Places of Residence Bruceville - Terre Haute (Kansas) for awhile

Occupation Butcher - James Church Affiliation Christian Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. I Mattie Bartman

His Father Harvey James Bruce Mother's Maiden Name Mary Rader

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Wife's Full Maiden Name

Mary Anna ~~CHIFF~~

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	23	June	1860	Terre Haute	Vigo	Ind.	
Chr'd							
Death	2	April	1934	Bruceville	Knox	Ind.	
Burial							

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Places of Residence Terre Haute - Bruceville (Kansas)

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation Christian

City, State

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc.

Make separate sheet for each mat.

Date

Her Father

Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 Wm. Herbert Bruce Full Name of Spouse* Hannah Karen Ruth Harper	Birth	20	Nov	1876	Terre Haute	Vigo	Ind.	1 dau. Bergrin
		Mar.							
		Death		Dec	1939	Quincy	Knox	Ind.	Suicide
		Burial				Bruceville	"	"	1 son George
M	2 Roy Bruce Full Name of Spouse*	Birth	30	Aug	1881	Terre Haute	Vigo	"	
		Mar.							Charles Alfred
		Death	24	Dec	1881	"	"	"	Killed by
		Burial				Bruceville	Knox	Ind.	truck Sept 1935
M	3 Claude Elsie Bruce Full Name of Spouse*	Birth			1884	Terre Haute	Vigo	"	
		Mar.							
		Death	24	Sept	1892	Bruceville	Knox	Ind.	
		Burial				"	"	"	
M	4 Charles F. Bruce Full Name of Spouse* Josephine Rose Bennett	Birth	26	Sept	1895	"	"	"	
		Mar.							no
		Death	30	Jan	1942	"	"	"	Chick's death
		Burial				"	"	"	
F	5 Annabelle Edna Bruce Full Name of Spouse* Claude Gorman Wm. Luck	Birth	5	June	1898	"	"	"	1 dau.
		Mar.	5	Nov	1914	"	"	"	Bergrin
		Death		July	1943	Houston	Texas	"	Bruceville
		Burial				Bruceville	Knox	Ind.	18 Sept 1946
	6	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	7	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	8	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

FAMILY GROUP No.

Husband's Full Name

Harvey Judson Bruce

This Information Obtained From:

Husband's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Husband
Birth	27	Mar	1823	Bruceville	Knox	Ind	1st Child of Major Wm. Bruce
Chr'd							
Mar.	17	Dec	1840	"	"	"	
Death	8	June	1912	"	"	"	
Burial				"	"	"	

Places of Residence Bruceville Ind.

Occupation Farmer Church Affiliation Christian Military Rec.

Other wives, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

His Father (Major) Wm. Bruce Mother's Maiden Name Lettie Ritchie Holmes

Wife's Full Maiden Name Mary Rader

Wife's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Wife
Birth	21	Jan	1818			Ohio or Pa	
Chr'd							
Death	13	Jan	1901	Bruceville	Knox	Ind	
Burial				"	"	"	

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Places of Residence Bruceville

Address

Occupation if other than Housewife

Church Affiliation Christian

City, State

Other husbands, if any, No. (1) (2) etc. Make separate sheet for each mar.

Date

Her Father George Rader Mother's Maiden Name

Sex	Children's Names in Full (Arrange in order of birth)	Children's Data	Day	Month	Year	City, Town or Place	County or Province, etc.	State or Country	Add. Info. on Children
M	1 George Washington Bruce Full Name of Spouse* Sarah Ann Fairhurst	Birth	15	Jan	1842	Bruceville	Knox	Ind	my grand parents 6 children
		Mar.	17	Nov	1864				
		Death	3	"	1909	near Vincennes	"	"	Child War Vet.
		Burial				Bruceville	Knox	"	
M	2 Wm. Weston Bruce Full Name of Spouse* never married	Birth	27	Dec	1843	"	"	"	Died following Battle of Chattanooga
		Mar.							
		Death	19	Dec	1864	Chattanooga		Tenn	
		Burial				Nashville		Tenn	
F	3 Lettie Ritchie Bruce Full Name of Spouse* John Willard Foreman	Birth	18	April	1845	Bruceville	Knox	Ind	Had 12 children
		Mar.	14	Aug	1867	"	"	"	
		Death	30	Aug	1924	"	"	"	
		Burial				"	"	"	
F	4 Mary Alide Bruce Full Name of Spouse* John B. Vincent	Birth	29	Apr	1848	"	"	"	no children
		Mar.	25	Dec	1870	"	"	"	
		Death	23	July	1912	Hutchinson		Kansas	
		Burial				"	"	"	
F	5 Martha Sarah Bruce Full Name of Spouse* Daniel Breckinridge Warren Cole	Birth	28	Nov	1849	Bruceville	Knox	Ind	1 child by Harriet B.
		Mar.	24	Oct	1871	"	"	"	III Husband
		Death		Apr	1939	Palo Alto		Calif	Simon Cooper
		Burial				"	"	"	
M	6 Charles Palk Bruce Full Name of Spouse* Martha Bartmas	Birth	26	Jan	1852	Bruceville	Knox	Ind	5 children
		Mar.	17	Feb	1876	"	"	"	
		Death	9	May	1928	"	"	"	
		Burial	11	"	1928	"	"	"	
F	7 Nancy Ann Elizabeth Bruce Full Name of Spouse* Harriet A. Kelker	Birth	4	Jan	1855	"	"	"	no children
		Mar.	15	Aug	1876	"	"	"	
		Death	13	Mar	1897	Leve Haute		Ohio Ind	
		Burial				"	"	"	
	8	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	9	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							
	10	Birth							
		Mar.							
		Death							
		Burial							

*If married more than once No. each mar. (1) (2) etc. and list in "Add. Info. on children" column. Use reverse side for additional children, other notes, references or information.

*Marriages
Jago Co.*

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Click Purley M	Margaret Fryback	Feb 22 1884	W	Jan 15 1908	24	72
Cliff Charles N	Leona Grape			Dec 23 1873	6	285
Cliff Edith L	Charles W Aayser	Feb 13 1888	W	Feb 25 1907	23	256
Cliff Frank M c	Sarah M McNamee c			Dec 16 1886	10	340
Cliff John c	Lillian Thorberg	Oct 7 1897	W	June 29 1918	48	211
Cliff Lillian	Charles Conway	Aug 10 1898	W	Dec 4 1919	52	185
Cliff William H	Fama Gilkinson	April 20 1886	W	April 20 1907	22	220
Cliff William H	Fama Gilkinson	April 20 1886	W	April 20 1907	22	220
Clifford Catharine	John Guran			--- -- ----	1	198
Clifford Celia P	Chester F Hankey	Aug 3 1885	W	Dec 16 1908	25	390
Clifford Charlotte B	John F O'Brien	Dec 19 1886	W	July 19 1911	31	89
Clifford Clara M	Otto R Dunn	Aug 28 1889	W	April 2 1914	37	206
Clifford Clarence	Elizabeth Williams	Sept 9 1888	W	Dec 31 1912	34	283
Clifford Grace B	Z Edward Gordon	Feb 26 1887	W	Nov 23 1909	27	257
Clifford Jeremiah	Catharine Kaleher			Jan 14 1855	1	183
Clifford Maxwell L	Anna Vaughn	Aug 13 1864	W	Dec 19 1914	39	91
Clifford William P	Annie Wereley			Aug 27 1881	8	354
Clift Anna x	Charles Bruce			Feb 17 1876	7	36
Clift Edwin H	Frances C Merring			June 30 1892	12	185
Clift Emma x c	Robert Myer			Nov 19 1884	9	685
Clift John H	Mary L Harris			Dec 8 1867	4	328
Clift John M WMS.	Georgianna Walker			Nov 11 1886	10	318
Clift Lizzie B c	William H Bear			Mar 19 1899	15	127
Clift Margaret E c	George M Penry			Aug 2 1893	12	410
Clift Mary B c	Burton E Lookwood			May 27 1886	10	227
Clift Mary BEX WMS	Le Roy B Cox			Jan 5 1870	5	168
Clift Samuel D x c	Frances Laws			Sept 26 1855	1	272
Clift Sarah C x c	James V Mattox			Jan 23 1877	7	168
Clift Will M BENS?	Anna PFLAGAN			Mar 17 1892	12	129
Clift William M	Nora B Young			Oct 26 1904	18	43
Clift William M	Anna C PLFeging			Mar 17 1892	12	129
Clift William N	Sarah E O'Brien	Mar 4 1849	W	Jan 12 1909	25	469
Clifton Alice	Charles Brown			May 26 1887	10	423
Clifton Allie	Charles Brown			May 26 1887	10	423
Clifton Charles	Myrtle L Lawrence			April 12 1903	17	110
Clifton Charles B	Clara E Schromyer			Mar 19 1893	12	344
Clifton Claude	Wanneta Coleman	Nov 4 1894	C	Sept 3 1917	46	24
Clifton Jacob W	Lizzie M Dempsey			April 15 1875	6	488
Clifton Mary G	Edwin P Westfall	Jan 19 1876	W	Jan 9 1907	22	49
Clifton Milton	May Lewis			Oct 30 1895	13	405
Clifton Minnie	George H Lewis			Mar 11 1896	14	32
Clifton Morris M	Julia Heinig			May 15 1891	11	560
Clifton Pleas	Elizabeth Parker	Sept 2 1882	C	Feb 16 1920	52	508
Clifton Robert M	Mary T Harold	Feb 25 1884	W	Nov 27 1912	34	105
Cline Albert	Mary Laneman			Sept 16 1868	4	460

NOTES.

Harvey Judson Bruce.

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Mar. ...
 Children: 6. Chas
 1. Mrs 2 William 3 Hattie
 4 Mabel 5 Mary
 7. Nancy Ann Elizabeth.

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Chas. Polka

Mar. Feb 26 - 1876

Children: Herbert Nov 1876
 Claude } Dead } Birmingham Ind.
 Roy }
 Chas. Good boy!
 Cedra June 5 - 1898

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Anna Bruce.

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Claude Stonner

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REFERENCES.

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PHOTOGRAPHS.

Edward's son Jonathan (whose family cemetery has been documented in Haddon Township) was a volunteer Private among other Busseron volunteers in Capt. Andrew Wilkins' Company under Lt. Col. Decker. (Thus, two youthful Jonathan Purcells took part in the the upcoming Battle of Tippecanoe.) Edward's son James Purcell (later an assistant briefly to Dr. Whittelsey of Carlisle) volunteered September 12 for the same company but was sent home September 24 on "sick leave." Also in Captain Wilkins' Company were Lt. Adam Lisman, Sgt. John Hadden (Haddon), Cpl. Richard Engle, Pvt. John Engle, Pvt. George Gill, Pvt. Peter Lisman, and Pvt. Samuel Ledgerwood (all to become "early settlers" of the Sullivan County-to-be.)

Intriguingly, Capt. Toussaint Dubois' "Company of Spies and Guides" included Ephraim Jordan and his brother Thomas Jordan (a maternal gr gr gr grandfather), both of whom were members of the George Rogers Clark forces that earlier took Vincennes from the British, William + Bruce (who later founded Bruceville, Indiana), and G.R.C. Sullivan: (whose first names derived from being a nephew of George Rogers Clark).

Within the two-month enlistment period, the U.S. Army and Territorial Militia forces, plus Kentucky volunteers, under Harrison's command marched the round-trip between Vincennes and Prophetstown. Of the force of 900-plus men, 250 were Regular Army troops, 60 were Kentuckians, and 600 were Indiana Territory Militia.

According to a two-page brochure published by the Indiana Historical Society and the Tippecanoe County Historical Association to commemorate the 175th anniversary of the Battle of Tippecanoe, "Fort Knox II (markers and fort outline), 1803-1813, was the second of three Fort Knoxes built in Vincennes. It was from this fort on Sept. 26, 1811 that Governor Harrison left to go to Prophet's Town. An army of about 1,000 men accompanied Harrison. ("The Harrison Trail" brochure.)

For further summary, "In September 1811, William Henry Harrison and his small army left Fort Knox, and Vincennes, Indiana, marching northward into Indian country. In early October, his army stopped for nearly a month and built Fort Harrison at present-day Terre Haute, Indiana. On October 29, Harrison marched his forces north toward Prophet's Town where he arrived on November 6. Early in the morning on November 7, Indians from Prophet's Town attacked the Harrison army but were repulsed after more than two hours of fighting. Following the battle, Harrison and his army returned to Fort Knox." (Ditto.)

About the battle, "At 4:30 a.m. on Nov. 7, the Indian attack began. The fighting lasted for an hour and a half before the soldiers forced the Indians to withdraw. Approximately 900 soldiers and 700 Indians fought. American losses were 37 killed, 29 mortally wounded, and 126 wounded. Indian losses were thought to be higher. The battle ended the efforts of Tecumseh to form an Indian confederacy." (Ditto.)

Concerning the Indian settlement, "Prophet's Town was about two miles in length and was used as a training center for the warriors. Following the defeat at Tippecanoe the town was abandoned and burned by Harrison's army." (Ditto.)

A more vivid (self-tutored?) description comes from the journal kept by IT Militia soldier John Tipton from Harrison County to the southeast of Vincennes. (The personal journal has been a recent supplement to the *Newsletter* issued by the Sullivan County Historical Society.)

Monday, Sept. 23. "we moved on Earley to Mariah Creek and took Brekfast and from

~~Bellock, p 67~~

ELLIOTT. 92, 163.

PURCELL - 121

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

JOSEPH HENRY VANDEBURGH SOMES, born in Vincennes before the turn of the century, traces his recorded ancestry back through an unbroken line of business and professional men to 1747, when his first forbear was tilling the soil. The author grew up in Vincennes, attended the Old Cathedral Boys' School and Lincoln High School. He matriculated at Vincennes University, attended Dayton University, St. Meinrad Theological Seminary and Catholic University of America. A priest in the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, he founded and erected one of the largest Catholic parishes in the city (Christ the King). There too, he became active in public affairs, having served on committees of numerous civic organizations, including the Indianapolis Chamber of Commerce. He served four terms as President of the Indiana Society of Sons of the American Revolution; and was a Major, on the wing Staff of the Civil Air Patrol. He is one of the older pilots in Indiana and has directed some of the state's greatest airshows. Currently engaged in full time historical research, he is a member of the Indiana Historical Society, the Illinois State Historical Society, and the Governor's William Henry Harrison Trail Commission.

This book is the first hard cover history of Vincennes in 60 years, and is the result of a continuous line of family research dating from Judge Henry Vanderburgh, the author's great great grandfather, who made the first studies of Old Post Vincennes, in 1790. Vanderburgh County was named in his honor. The author's great uncle, Henry Sullivan Cauthorn, also a historian of note, produced several historical studies on Old Vincennes, the last in 1902. His great cousin, the late Very Rev. Victor F. O'Daniel, was the official historian general of the world wide Dominican Friars.

Father Somes has made several valuable contributions to important works on the fur trade.

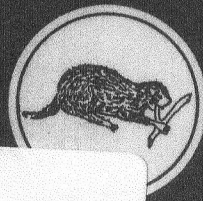
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OLD VINCENNES

by

Joseph Henry VanderBurgh Somes



of a Famous Old Town and its Glorious Past

in the next year the engine was bought, and the Fourth Street entrance to the Town Hall was widened to admit the engine. Twenty-six years later a two story brick building arose at 320 Main Street. This was the first Fire Engine House. Anson W. Jones, the first public school principal, started "to keep school" on its second floor.

Most of the folks in Vincennes had neither watch, nor clock. These were, generally, the possessions of the professional people. There was a need for a town clock, and the cathedral's lofty tower and bell would serve well. A public subscription was suggested, but in the first year it netted only \$134.00; it was not activated in the second year. Somehow the clock was gotten, and "it was the town's clock for many years."

In the early 1820's, the Reverend Henry Moller Shaw, an Episcopalian minister, came to town. He wed Miss Elizabeth Smith on 17 December 1823, and used his father's brick store building, on the northwest corner of First and Broadway streets, for his church services. This building was said to have been John Rice Jones' first theatre. But the Episcopal church was not organized officially until the Reverend Bryan B. Killikelly did so on 7 October 1839, and under the authority of their Bishop Jackson Kemper. On 28 December 1840, the church bought a half-lot on the southeast corner of Fourth and Busseron Sts., from the Hiram Soden Estate and "next to the home of Jean B. Grimard" (now Greemore). This organizer of the church was given an honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by the Vincennes University, of which he was president, and sent to England on a collecting tour. Many prominent persons over there, such as the Dowager Queen Adelaide and Prime Minister Gladstone, gave to the church fund, which added to about \$3,500.00.

Bishop Kemper laid the cornerstone on Wednesday 13 April 1842. The Episcopalians now worship in a handsome stone edifice, and ever since 1906, on the northeast corner of Sixth and Perry streets.

But, already in March 1839, trustees had bought a lot on the southeast corner of Tenth and Buntin streets for "The Christian Body of Color." It is not known when the first church was built, but the organization is known today as the Bethel Afro Methodist Episcopal church.

William Bruce, in his "for sale" advertisement, now gives a partial description of the home where Abraham Lincoln, campaigning for Clay in 1844, would visit and meet his partisans: "my well-known brick building, 60 feet long, and 200 acres of land . . . the house has 5 rooms on the first floor, a 30 ft. cellar, and a 5 acre apple orchard." The old timers called him "Uncle Billy." Mr. Bruce was a native of Pittsburgh, born about 1776. His family moved to Kentucky in 1785, and he came here in 1805. He was every ready to accompany Governor Harrison on campaigns against the Indians. He helped to build Ft. Harrison, but never accompanied the troops any farther, having been sent back to this region with a detachment to keep on the look-out for Tecumseh and a band coming up from the south. He was given the rank of a major. He plotted the town of Bruceville on his farmland in 1817, and ran the tavern there. He died 23 April 1854, and he was quite the celebrated father of 25 children. The old home still stands. *NO MARK*

A significant enquiry was made on 28 December: "Where are the windlass and cable that belong to the cathedral?" The answer was that John Moore, the contractor, is using them in his construction of the bank and the Ellis' home.

The sloop-of-war, *Vincennes*, was making history. It was now the flagship of Commodore Charles Wilkins who had just discovered the Antarctic Continent, as of 19 January 1840. He named Vincennes Bay down there, and recently, 1958, an island was discovered in that area.

LOSSES AND GAINS

The Vincennes Historical and Antiquarian Society

HOOSIER ANCESTORS

by Pearl Brenton

Reasons for following rules of this column: Indiana-connected queries retain local interest and require reference to Hoosier ancestry or present residence in the State.

A 35-word limit plus dates and sender's name and address makes possible the publishing of a larger Mrs. Brenton number of queries each week.

Miss or Mrs. with husband's first name if married or widow identifies you.

One query per letter gives greater variety of surnames in weekly column and indicates amount of interest by number of in-coming letters. Multiple queries also disrupt publishing sequence.

Clearly stated queries are necessary for readers to understand your request or response. Remember others do not have your knowledge or collateral data.

Typed or printed surnames will minimize errors. A misspelled name becomes a permanent record if published.

Please carefully proofread all correspondence to the column. Be certain you can identify each word, the spelling and meaning.



QUERIES

— 18., 52001.

Q-3981 — Seek to connect the Charles P. BRUCE family of Bruceville to following lineage. William BRUCE, m. widow PERCIFUL (when?) and a son, James, m. Polly RUNYAN whose son, Jacob, m. Roseanna VENNEN, their son, William May, m. Emma LONG whose son, Harold, m. Helen ALBRIGHT and are about 70 years old. May tie in with James Valentine MATTOX of Riley, m. sister of Mrs. C. P. BRUCE, (Anna CLIFT), my grandparents. Any information. — Mrs. R. E. O'Neil, 1610 Interlachen Road, 62-E, Seal Beach, Calif., 90740.

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per Mrs. May Brenton

HOOSIER GENEALOGY and THE TERRITORIAL CENSUS of 1807

The contributor, *Royal Purcell*, 806 W. Second St., Bloomington, IN 47401, comments in his cover letter that there may be some question about his interpretation of (1) movement geographically in the census taking, and (2) whether male members were recorded together if living in the same household or in the vicinity.

Published in 1980 by the *Family History Section* of the Society a few copies are still available to members @ \$10.00, non-members @ \$20.00.

Any one with ancestors living in Indiana around 1800 should be thankful for the Territorial Census of 1807. The Indiana Territory (1800-1816) in the year 1807 consisted of the three counties Clark, Dearborn, and Knox in present Indiana, plus Randolph county and St. Clair county, which in 1809 was transformed into the Illinois Territory. The map shows that Vincennes at this time was in a central position within the Indiana Territory.

In 1806, the General Assembly of the Territory adopted a resolution to better enable Governor William Henry Harrison to apportion additional representation to the Assembly and directed the county sheriffs by June 1, 1807 to take a list of free male inhabitants 21 years and upwards.

Here's an example of how the resulting Territorial Census of 1807 can provide genealogical insights. It was known that three Purcell brothers — Jonathan, Edward, and William — had moved from northern Virginia (now West Virginia) to Knox County by 1800. In 1807, the oldest brother, great-great-great-grandfather Jonathan, had a 33-year-old son Noah, a second son Jacob who would be 31 years old, a 29-year-old son Andrew, a 27-year-old son John, a 24-year-old Jonathan, Jr., three daughters, and a youngest son James who would be 18 years old.

But the exact members were not known for the issue of brothers Edward and William. Edward's daughter Nancy was married in Virginia to Thomas Holder.

Would the Territorial Census of 1807 confirm the male offspring of brother Jonathan? Could other adult male Purcells be related to brothers Edward and William? The answers partly depended on the method used to take the Territorial Census. According to the legislative resolution, the enumeration of adult males would be done by the sheriff of each county.

This Territorial Census was published in book form by the Family History Section of Indiana Historical Society in 1980. The Knox County Sheriff, Parmenas Beckes, or an assistant, was to visit each house inside the city of Vincennes and each residence outside the city and record the name of each qualified male. With the names numbered in sequence, the result was a directory of 1080 free males of 21 years or more for the county.

In looking at the Territorial Census, imagine the thrill of finding an ancestor on the first page of the document. The name of Jonathan Purcell is numbered 13. Francis Vigo Esqr is named on line number 146. Pioneer Vincennes newspaper publisher Elihu Stout has number 300. Governor Harrison himself is at #309.

Next, on page 2, Edward Purcell Sen is listed #34, along with Henry Purcell, listee #35. Could Henry Purcell be Edward's son?

Also on the second page are the names of Thomas Holder (#24), Samuel Ledgerwood (#25), Peter Lisman (#28), John Hadden (#37), Francis Williams (#38), James Anderson (#39), James Black (#40), Frederick Barger (#41), and Joseph Ledgerwood (#44). Brother Edward Purcell helped build Fort Haddon, which subsequently came within Haddon township of Sullivan county. Also helping build Fort Haddon were Thomas Holder, Sr. (who built his own fort too) and Frank Williams, who died in 1812? and whose widow married brother Edward, by then himself a widower.

On page 3 of the Territorial Census appears the name of Noah Purcell (#113), who in 1807 has five children of his own, and so has established a separate household. At #116 on the Census listing is Ephraim Jordan, later a colonel in the Indiana militia, and brother? of Thomas Jordan (#911), also one of George Rogers Clark's soldiers and a Purcell ancestor.

Then, on the fourth page are a batch of Purcell names, one after the other: Francis, Jesse, and William Jun. numbered 176 through 178 and presumably living in the same household. Could William Purcell, Jr., Jesse Purcell, and Francis Purcell be the sons of William Purcell, Sr.?

Another clump of Purcell names appears on page 5: William Purcell Sen (#182), Edward Purcell Jun (#183), John McCluer Jun (#184), John Purcell Jun (#185), and Jonathan Purcell, Esqr (#186). Would Edward Purcell, Jr. also be a son of brother Edward and already in his own household? Would John Purcell — not necessarily a "Jun" — be living with his father Jonathan, Esq. at this time? William Bruce, who founded Bruceville, is listed nearby at #191.

On page 6 is the name of Andrew Purcell (#275). So presumably Jonathan's son Andrew has his own residence by now.

Much farther along the list on page 19, in present Decker township, are listed John Decker (#1020) and Luke Decker (#1044), for whom the township is named. But at #1022 of the list appears the name of James Purcell. Since Jonathan's 18-year-old son James was below the census-taking age, could there be another James Purcell, living in this southern part of Knox County?

The Territorial Census of 1807 left another question: Where is the name of Jonathan's son Jacob Purcell? Was he dead, moved, or what? However, the Territorial Census did confirm most of Jonathan's male issue, and it also provided useful hypotheses about the male issue of brothers Edward and William.

*Hoosier Genealogist
Sept 1988*

6/10/68

Mrs. R.E. O'Neil
1610 Interlachen Road
Seal Beach, California.
Dear Mrs. O'Neil:

I saw your query in
the Indianapolis newspaper
regarding Mr. Bruce who
married the widow Perciful.
I have some information
on this family - if I knew
what you wished -

Mr. was the son of
James who married
Polly McMahon - James
in turn was the son
of John Bruce who died
late in 1747 - or 1748 - in
Frederick Co. ~~Virginia~~ will
recorded there - John
named wife Sarah
in will, but I believe

great grandfather of Maj. Bruce -
father of Maj.

mother of James, ~~John~~^{George},
Ann, Mary, and, Margaret
was Margaret Griffith -
have no proof - but
am working on the line -
Ann - m. James McCoy -
Mary married an Albin
and Margaret married
Richard Carter or in reverse.
I don't have notes at hand.

Anyway I have a
great deal of material
on the Bruces - I'm
hunting Ann Bruce dau
of George, granddaughter
of John - who m about
1774 John Montgomery -
d. about 1780 to 1790 - had
one son Robert who
remained in Frederick
Co. Virginia -

If I can be of help,
I shall be glad to
try if I know what
you are looking for.

Sincerely,

Martha Montgomery

Miss Martha A. Montgomery
Grey Rocks
Maroa, Illinois 61756

H. B. HOLLOWAY
320 Lesley Ave.
Indianapolis 19, Indiana

July 30-1968

Mrs Roberta S'neil

1610 Interlachen Rd.

Leisure World, Red Beach, Calif

Dear Mrs S'neil

It was good to receive your letter of
July 11.

You state that your only relation is through
"Aunt Anna Bruce" who was my grandmother's sister.
Could that be my grandmother who was
Angeline T. Bruce (maiden name Threlkeld)?

Yes John M. Clare + Ruth Ashby are the
children of my cousin, the late Ralph L. M. Clare.
Ralph's mother - Sally Bruce M. Clare was the
sister of my mother - Nettie Bruce Holloway.

I saw this item in an Indpls paper that
Ruth Ashby who was former Editor for the
Vincennes Sun-Commercial ~~was~~ since 1955, is
retiring.

John M. Clare + Ruth Ashby are the only
Bruce descendant relatives I have left.

My great grandfather, as you know, was
Major Wm Bruce. + my grandfather was
John H. Bruce. who lived to be 89.

By the way on last June 19 I also reached
the age of 89 - so I have started in my
90th year. Yet when I was 27 years old
they thought I had TB and gave me one year to live.

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I knew Frank Foreman as a boy. He trained hunting dogs. His father Mullet Foreman was a great hunter. Frequently went squirrel hunting and would kill and dress a squirrel and bring it to my grandmother as a special menu treat.

I used to go to school with Karl Foreman, Frank's brother and probably felt closer to Karl than to Frank.

About the old Bruce Homestead. About four or five years ago I had a friend here in Indpls who had a hobby of looking up and reporting old historical houses.

I told him about the Bruce house and he and his wife, with me and my wife, drove to Bruceville and he went through the Bruce house, taking careful measurements of each room, and later reported it to some agency in Washington DC, but no one has yet been able to interest anyone to get action on restoring, thus preserving a landmark in Southern Indiana.

As long as my cousin Ralph McIlwaine lived he kept it up reasonably well, but since he passed away in 1960, it has gone further down and is now in a bad state of repair. Too bad.

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Indiana
Later I turned to, Ex Governor Matthew W. Wells
and he seemed to be interested and
wondered why no one had taken care of
it. Had we gotten to him when he was
Governor I feel he might have done something
but that is all water now over the dam.

Do you know of any of Major
Bruce's descendants living here in
Indianapolis, or in our area of the State?

Because you are so interested
in the Bruce family I am sending you
under separate cover two photographs
one of the old Bruce House and
the other of two of my close friends
and myself. This picture was taken
about 1961 and the Bruce House
picture in May of 1964.

Glad to hear from you at any time
Best wishes

Cordially yours

Harry B. Hellmuth

739 Powers Ave. N.W.
Grand Rapids, Michigan 49504
July 1, 1969

Mrs. R. E. O'Neil
1610 Interlachen Rd., # 62-E
Seal Beach, Calif. 90740

Dear Mrs. O'Neil:

May I introduce myself? I am the oldest daughter of Harry Bruce Holloway of Indianapolis, Indiana, with whom you have been corresponding regarding your connections with the Bruce family. I was Corinne Bruce Holloway, born in Escanaba, Michigan December 10, 1902. I married Edward Russell Tweddale of Washburn, Illinois (near Peoria), and now reside in Grand Rapids, Michigan. We have three children: Shirley (Mrs. E. M.) Schroeder; Russell Bruce Tweddale; and Charles Thomas Tweddale. In the Russell Bruce Tweddale family, Bruce is very much a part of all the names, for he goes by the name of BRUCE Tweddale, and each of his four children has BRUCE as a middle name: David Bruce Tweddale, Timothy Bruce Tweddale, Paula Bruce Tweddale, and John Bruce Tweddale. So is it any wonder that my daughter and I are both actively interested in learning all we can about the Bruce family.

Shirley (our daughter) sent to the national archives in Washington, D. C. and received copies of several papers regarding the army service of the first William Bruce (son of James Bruce), with record of service at Valley Forge. She also has some copies of papers regarding "Major" William Bruce who served in Kentucky and Indiana under General Harrison. We believe that the title "Major" Bruce must have been an honorary one, for no official papers seem to bear that designation.

We are hoping to be able to trace the BRUCE family back to Scotland. In your research have you been able to find any lead as to the location in Scotland from which James and George Bruce came in 1740? I have found a genealogist here in Grand Rapids who was tracing a Bruce family in her background, and she has much information about various Bruce families in Scotland, going back to about the year 1000. She says if I can determine what branch of the Bruce family we are, and their point of origin in Scotland, she may have information for me.

On June 19th last our daughter and two of her children (a 14 year old son, Eric; and a 16 year old daughter, Kerry) went with my husband and me to help Harry Bruce Holloway celebrate his 90th birthday. You may know it was a joyous occasion. We found father in quite good health, especially considering the fact that he had a nasty fall down a steep flight of ten steps a few weeks previously. Miraculously he broke no bones, and had little after effects of the fall. You can't keep a good man down -- we think he must be made of rubber.

I am just beginning this search in ~~my~~ ancestry -- using Major Bruce's "Memoirs" as a big starting point. All of us find it very interesting.

I will write to Mrs. Lelah B. Howk to see if she has any information on the point of origin in Scotland for our mutual family of Bruces. Seems that there should be some way of tracing back across the ocean.

I'd be happy to hear from you.

Sincerely,

Corinne H. Tweddale

Corinne Bruce Holloway Tweddale (Mrs. E. R.)

1969

Will Robertson Eugene Ore 80
wife Mary 82

Great grandson of Maj. Bruce -
His grandfather & grandmother (Hetty
McClure - daughter of Sallie Bruce Mc,
Clute) were in the Bruce-Bond-Mc
Clure ox wagon train to Or in 1853

center at one.

Members of the Disciple congrega-

also seen air conditioned and given a new stone exterior.



—Photo by Kathryn Schneider

HARRY HOLLOWAY, first executive secretary of the department of men's work of The United Christian Missionary Society, was presented one of the new CMF tie bars recently by Wayne Greene, the present head of the department of men's work. Mr. Holloway, 88 years old last June, was unable to attend the recent meeting in Lexington, Ky., of the National Advisory Commission for Christian Men's Fellowship, at which time the new CMF tie bars, tie tacks and lapel buttons were introduced for the first time. Following retirement from the United Society where Mr. Holloway worked for 25 years as business manager and executive secretary of the service department, he became business manager of the International Convention for six years. Later he became business manager of the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis. For many years he was transportation secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ.

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Bruce

Mrs. R. E. O'Neil
1610 Interlachen Rd., #62-E
Seal Beach, California 90740

Mar 17-1968

Dear Roberta:

My correspondence really suffers. I think of so many things I want to say. But things come up and I don't get my thoughts on paper. I was so glad to hear from you. Sometimes it seems that time goes quickly and sometimes for slowly for me. Of course I am alone all the time. How much of a family do you have? You spoke of Jim & Bob in your letter.

I wish I could have known when you were here last summer. We could have done a lot of talking and going. I haven't seen Martha Slinkard this winter. Stopped to see her last fall and she wasn't home. Talked to her daughter Mary Alice who lives here in Sullivan. Martha was with Donna this winter in Gary Ind. She is probably home by now. I had a birthday card from her in Feb.

Here is the Nettie Bruce relationship. Nettie Bruce Holloway H B Holloway's mother

Harry B Holloway is my father who is grandfurther & Aunt & Uncle

I was the daughter of John & Angelina Bruce also the parents of Sally Bruce Mc Cleve who is the grandmother of Ruth Mc Cleve Ashby and John S. Mc Cleve. Ruth owns the old Bruce homestead and I understand how you almost flipped when you saw it. Aunt Hettie Bruce Foreman is the oldest daughter of Harvey Judson and Mary Radar Bruce a sister of my grandfather George Bruce and Uncle Charles Polk Bruce. She was the mother of 12 children. Both the Hettie Bruces were named after their grandmother Hettie Ritchie Bruce the second wife of Major W^m Bruce.

I have the Harvey Judson Bruce (my great grandfather) family bible, also George Bruce (my grandfather) family bible and the pictures of Major W^m and Hettie Ritchie Bruce and several papers of Major Bruce. He was constable and postmaster, keeper of the inn, church man and just about every thing around Bruceville, away back then. I know you

I would enjoy them. I also have a letter that was written in 1858 by one of their daughters living in Oregon to her mother. I have tried to find some of the family. I wrote a letter and I know someone received it for my return address was on it and it did not come back. Neither did I get an answer. Maybe they are not interested in the family tree. I have some pictures, tin types of Uncle Charles & Aunt Anna as youngsters and several of Herbert. Ruth (Herbert's) wife sent them to me when she realized she would never be well again. I also have a picture of Aunt Anna taken not too long before her death in 1934. Would you be interested in any of them?

I had planned on working on "family trees" this winter but have not made much headway. I know so much more about the Bruce side of my family than I do the Elliott side. My father and his younger sister

4) told me a lot during high school days but I just was not interested then. I wish now, when they are all gone that I could remember more than I do.

There are no Bruce names living in Bruceville but There are ~~descendants~~ descendants, Ronald Houck grandson of Hettie Bruce Foreman, Joe Mayfield grandson of Nancy Jane Gude who was the daughter of the eldest daughter (Ideloh) of Major Bruce. Joe's sister Harriet Mayfield Quinn who also lived in Bruceville died this past winter. Ruth Ashby lives in Bruceville. Some of the younger generations that I do not know live in and around Knox County.

I hope you are not tangled up more than ever when you read this.

Today is a lovely day. Last Tuesday we had 4 inches of snow. I hope that is our last fling with winter. Temperature in the 60's today. I just wish

Feb 12 - 1967.

Dear Roberta:

I am saying Roberta because I think of you as a friend of years ago. I am sorry I have been so long answering but I have not been very good. I was so exhausted at the time of George's death that I was just sick. I tried to outdo it but it got the best of me. High blood pressure and some neuritis and all the business that has to be taken care of. The Dr. said I was ~~needing~~ ^{needing} complete rest. I am feeling better now, but still tired and I sometimes do more than I should. Then too I am all alone and it is quite lonely at times.

I was so glad to get your letter. Surely you remember Lelah & Lloyd Elliott. My folks had a dairy, bottled milk and sold it in Bruceville. My mother was Vivian Bruce Elliott, Uncle Charlie's niece. The picnic was a SS picnic held in the grove at my Grandfather Elliott's farm about 3 miles south of Bruceville and our home was just down the road on the opposite side; now sending you a picture of it. So glad to get snapshots and I do not have one of the old Bruce home. Do you happen to have a negative of it? As to the picnic pictures, I have one

3 like you sent. That is my brother Lloyd sitting
by you and the other girl in front is Alice
Chastain and Roberts Hill instead of Robert. I
am sending the other one that I have. Do you
remember what year? Was it 1918 or 19? And
did I take the pictures? The pictures I am
sending are numbered ^{on the back} and I shall give them
here as numbered. (1) The other picnic picture, I do
not know who the one is wearing Roberts's hat.
I think that is you back of Lloyd over Alpha's
head. Roberts died in 1962. Lloyd died in
1951. Alpha lives in Vincennes and I think
Alice who married Ralph Tindall still lives in
Bruceville. (2) one taken in 1919. (3) Lloyd in 1921.
(4) Our home place built in 1912. (5) This picture
~~taken at our home on Nov. 28-1919 or 20.~~ My father
John Elliott, Mother Vivia Elliott, Aunt Mat Bruce Cole
(Uncle Charley's sister who was living in Kansas) Aunt
Anna, Uncle Charley, Carmen Martindale, Lloyd and
Virginia. It was Aunt Mat's and Lloyd's birthdays.
Aunt Mat later married a Simon Cooper and
went to Palo Alto Calif. to live and died there
in 1939 being past 89 years old. I suppose you
knew the old house burned. It was after we came
to Sullivan Co. We came up here in 1935. Lloyd
married Lucille Mack and they started housekeeping
in the old house and their first daughter Roberts
was born in the front room on the west May
15th 1929. My mother and father were married
in the front room on the east side of the hall

3) in May 13-1891. I spent many days there when I was 8-9+10 year old from the attic down. There was a big rope swing on the tree on the east side of the yard. Edna was just from June 5 to Feb 5 older than me.

In your snapshots I do not know who is with Aunt Anna. Could probably find out if I ask some of the oldsters still around. B-ville, The one of the two women with Virginia and Aunt Anna is Ruth Bruce (Herbert's) second wife, and Aunt Alice Hollingworth. No relation to the Bruce's but an Aunt to (Sadie) Sarah Barr. Aunt Alice was a sister of Joe Barr, Sarah's father, and has been blind several years. Sarah lives in Duluth Minn.

Yes, I remember Harry Bruce Holloway. He was a young man when I was just a child. Mother and I used to go often to see Uncle John Bruce and I have seen Harry there. They called him Harry then. I think I might write him. I am glad he sent you the Memoirs. I thought I would send them to you if you wanted them. Do you have it all figured out? I have some papers belonging to Major Bruce and among them a letter written in 1858 by Nancy Ann Bruce McClure and her daughter Jane to their mother Hettie Bruce. Nancy Ann Bruce and Sally Bruce (by the first wife) married McClure's and with their brother David (Hettie's son) went to Oregon. I have written wondering if they might trace some of them and see if they would be interested in having the letter. I have not had an answer, neither has my letter been returned, so surely someone has received it.

4) We were married in 1924 and lived on a farm joining my folks farm until, Feb 1930 when we moved to Bruceville and then came to Sullivan Co in March 1935.

I do not have any pictures of Frank Foreman. Mother had some but I do not know what happened to them. Frank used to have a pony and cart and took Edna and me riding. Also took some snap shots of me. I just wonder what happened to all of Aunt Anna's pictures? I have some that Ruth sent me when she had to give up her apartment because of her health.

Do you remember Ronald, Hettie Bruce and Martha Rachael Houck? Their mother was Olive Foreman a sister of Frank and Olive & Frank's mother was Aunt Hettie Bruce Foreman a sister of Uncle Charley. Olive married Elmer Houck and they lived across the road about 3 houses east of Aunt Anna's. There were several Houck families around Bruceville but no relation whatever to the Houck I married. The names sound alike but spelled differently. My husband came from Sandborn Ind and his father was a native of Virginia.

I am sorry to hear about your mother but as ~~my~~ ^{my} grow older we do have many infirmities. Next time you come to Ind. I would love to see you. Sullivan is about 26 miles south of Terre Haute. I am not sure what I am going to do yet whether I shall stay in our home or get an apartment some where. We lived on a farm north west of Sullivan but since 1961 George was

5) not able to farm so we sold it and moved to town in Aug. 1963.

I hope you can find out some more about another section of the Bruce family from your neighbor or maybe you are not interested.

Since I have time on my hands I am more interested than ever in family trees. If all had written memoirs as Major Bruce it would fill a library by now. Send some more shots of your family and I have some of Lloyd's & Lucille's family I shall send if you would like to see them. I shall try and answer sooner next time. I hope you do not get tired out with this episode. If you do, just say so. Write again.

Lilah B. Hawk

P.S. I too would like to have my Snap Shots back.

H. B. HOLLOWAY
320 Lesley Ave.
Indianapolis 19, Indiana

January 13-1967

Mrs R.E. O'Neil

1610 Inbrücken Rd.-62-E

Deer Branch

California-90740

Dear Mrs O'Neil

I am answering your query regarding the Bruce family of Bruceville, Indiana

Since my middle name is Bruce, my mother's maiden name was Hettie Bruce, my maternal grandfather was John H. Bruce and my great-grandfather was Major William Bruce the founder of Bruceville, where I was born 87 1/2 years ago, I want to give you all the information I can.

In March of 1957 Vol ~~XXII~~ - Vol of the Indiana Magazine of History published by Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana there appeared an article written by William Bruce, my great-grandfather, under date of July 12, 1853, entitled - "Memoirs of the Bruce Family" occupying 9 1/4 pages, in which reference is made to "James who married Polly Amey" (page 63), also (page 64) Major Bruce reports that his mother's maiden name was Polly Lucas and that her first husband was Richard Percifall and that "After his death she married my father"

(2)

I have had the entire Maj Bruce article
"forced" and under separate cover I
am mailing you a copy.

While the article does not seem to
give you the dates you are seeking, it
may otherwise give you information which
will be helpful.

Cordially yours

Harry Bruce Holloway

Mrs. Lela W. Holok
620 E. Davis
Sullivan Sub. 47882



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1610 Interlachen Road of Foreman

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Jan. 17-1967.

Dear Mrs. O'Neil:

Your inquiry from the Indianapolis paper was sent to me by my sister-in-law in Vincennes. I am wondering if you are a descendant of the Bruce family or The Clift family. Also wondering how many answers you will get since there must be scores of descendants.

I am a direct descendant of Major Bruce and have a copy of his memoirs that he wrote in 1851 when he was 75 years old.

He says his first ancestor that he knows about was hearing his grandfather James Bruce telling that he and a younger brother George Bruce came from Scotland about the year 1740 and located in Winchester, Virginia. He was the father of 3 sons and 6 daughters. His second son James married Polly Runyan. (I know nothing of their descendants). The oldest son William Bruce who was born Feb. 14, 1745 was my great-great-great grandfather and he married a widow Percifull. Her maiden name was Polly Lucas. Her first husband

² was Richard Percifull.

William and Polly Bruce were parents of
Three daughters and two sons

The oldest son and third child is my great
great grandfather. His name too was William (The
one who wrote the memoirs) and The father of
twenty-five children - fifteen boys and ten girls.
At the age of 22 (he was born August 6, 1776 one month
and two days after Independence was declared.
His father was in military service during the
Revolutionary war. At the age of 22 he married
Sally Polk Oct 23rd. 1798. She had been taken prisoner
earlier with her mother, two sisters and a brother
when Indians burned the fort of Captain Charles
Polk, her father, while he was away.

William and Sally Bruce first came to Kentucky
then to Knox Co. Indiana in the spring of 1805.
Later purchased 200 acres, built a cabin and
moved in ^{named The place Bruceville} In 1811 a new house was built and
three rooms are still standing and owned by
Mrs Ruth McClure Ashby - a great great grand
daughter. Sally Bruce died in 1818 after giving
birth to their fifteenth child, eight boys and seven
girls, eleven of whom were living at the time
of her death.

In 1819 he married Hetty Ritchie Holmes. She
had ten children, seven boys and 3 girls.
Their third child (also third son) was Harvey
Judson Bruce who was my great grand
father. He married Mary Roden in Dec 17,
1840. Their oldest son George W. Bruce

3/ is my grandfather and their youngest son born Jan 26-1852 was Charles Polk Bruce who was married to Anna Clift of Terre Haute. She was his second wife. I remember Aunt Anna having a sister whose name was Mattox and knew a niece of hers whose name was either Alberta or Roberta. I do not remember her last name but I have a picture of a picnic group with her in the group. I do not know anything of the Clift family.

Uncle Charley and Aunt Anna were parents of five children, Herbert William born Nov 20-1876. He was married to Hannah Green, they had one daughter Virginia, were divorced and he married Ruth Harper of Chicago, Ill. They had a son Charles Alfred who was killed in 1935. Herbert shot himself in Dec. 1939 and Ruth died about 4 years ago in Chicago.

Claud and Roy died when small children.

Charles P. was born about 1894 or 95 married twice but had no children. I think he died in 1942.

Edna was born June 5 1898, married Claude Donnan, had a daughter Virginia, divorced and married Claude Luck from Texas. Edna died in 1943. I have not heard from Virginia since 1945. She was still in Texas. Uncle Charley died May 9, 1928 and Aunt Anna died April 3-1934. They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Feb 26-1926. Aunt Anna was a darling.

Of course I have told you very little of the memoirs of Major Bruce just leading up to what you

4 you were asking. and nothing of myself.

I lost my husband George E. Hawk on Nov 19, 1966
Our only child died Nov 4, 1929 when he was just
nine days old. My parents, sisters and brother
are all gone so I am by myself. I shall be
68 years old Feb 5.

I hope I have in some way helped you
and I would like to hear from you, know
who you are and what you might know
of James and Polly Runyan. ^{Brace} I am
interested in family trees.

Sincerely

(Mrs) Lelah B. Hawk

REMINISCENCES AND OBSERVATIONS
of
HARRY B. HOLLOWAY

Honorary Life Elder
Third Christian Church
Indianapolis, Indiana

REMINISCENCES AND OBSERVATIONS

of

HARRY B. HOLLOWAY

Our mirrors and our yearly calendars never carry false information. When I looked at the calendar and in my mirror on Friday, June 19, 1970, I realized anew that I had finally reached my 91st birthday.

As I traveled toward this milestone in my life I increasingly had the inclination to make a record of "reminiscences and observations" relating to my nine decades of earthly existence. So when a good friend of mine, shortly after my 91st birthday, requested me to make such a record, I agreed to make the attempt.

I am a Hoosier and proud of it. The name "Bruce" is entwined in my life. I was born in Bruceville, Indiana (Knox County); my middle name is Bruce, my maternal grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. John H. Bruce, and my maternal great grandfather was Major William Bruce, the founder of Bruceville.

Major Bruce started my Disciple background. He was born 14 miles south of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on August 6, 1776. In a history of his life, published in the Indiana Magazine of History, by Indiana University, March 1927, Major Bruce says - "I was born one month and two days after the independence was declared. I can, with the Apostle Paul, say that I was freeborn." When he was about nine years old his father sold his plantation on the Monongahela and moved to Nelson County in Kentucky near Louisville. This was in the fall of 1785. At the age of 22 he was married to Sally Polke on October 23, 1798.

In the spring of 1805, he states, "I then packed up what little plunder I had, my wife and four children, on horseback, and moved to Vincennes, Indiana. Rented

five acres of ground to raise corn, for which I paid \$25.00 cash." That summer he purchased 200 acres nine miles north of Vincennes, on which Bruceville now stands, built a cabin, and in October of that year moved into it. He was made a Major by General Wm. Henry Harrison, Governor and Commissioner in Chief of Indiana Territory. The Indians were making trouble in this area and Major Bruce had to build a fort, on his own place, in which his family lived. Finally peace was made with the Indians and the white settlers could then venture out to do their farming.

In 1811 he built a brick house in the settlement now known as the village of Bruceville, named after the Major. This stood until 1968 and was then razed.

In the fall of 1807 Major Bruce, who was a member of a "hardshell" Baptist Church gathered "14 scattered Baptists, over as many miles around" and, in his own home, led in the constitution of the Wabash Baptist Church. Some years after, he and other Baptists organized the Mariah Creek Baptist Church, located on Mariah Creek three miles northwest of Bruceville. (Recently the Mariah Creek Church building was dismantled and re-erected on the Campus of Vincennes University, at Vincennes, Indiana.)

The practice of Mariah Creek Baptist Church was to "vote" their members into membership in their congregation. Another custom was to hold a monthly business meeting, of which they kept meticulous records.

In 1880 a Dr. Keith of Vincennes, wrote a history of the Mariah Creek Baptist Church. From such history I glean the following interesting facts concerning my great grandfather, Major Wm. Bruce.

1 - In 1823 a certain man applied for membership in the Mariah Creek Baptist Church. At a monthly business meeting his application for membership was voted on. The vote taken showed that about six members, one of whom was

Major Wm. Bruce, had voted "no". A committee was appointed to visit the dissenters and ascertain why they had cast a negative vote. At the next business meeting the committee reported that all had withdrawn their opposition except Major Bruce. The committee was then asked to make the second call on Major Bruce and find out why he was still holding out. At the following business meeting the committee reported that they had again called on Major Bruce and that he still voted "no", making the statement that the man desiring membership owned slaves and that he thought that any man who owned another human being did not have the right to belong to any church.

Dr. Keith after reporting this incident, appended a footnote stating, that as far as he knew, this was the first public protest against human slavery in Indiana. Apparently, the Mariah Creek Baptist Church did not agree to this protest against slavery and proceeded to withdraw membership from Major Bruce because of his stand. A few years later he was restored to membership at his own request. The record does not show on what terms.

Major Bruce seems to have had access to copies of the "Millennial Harbinger" published by Alexander Campbell, one of the forefathers of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). Apparently, Major Bruce found himself coming over to Disciple doctrine for early in 1832 a few of the Mariah Creek Baptist members including Major Bruce, petitioned the Mariah Creek Church for letters of dismissal that they might form a Church of Christ in Bruceville, Indiana. The dismissal letters were granted and the Bruceville Christian Church was formed and began operation March 1, 1832.

As a boy of twelve, I saw the Bruceville Church "split" over the introduction of the use of a reed organ in public worship. In this case my grandfather, John H. Bruce, a senior elder, was one of the dissenters and he and a few others organized another church in Bruceville which barred instrumental music.

In another one of our churches in Illinois, as a boy, I saw a real "church quarrel" over the use of "lesson leaves" in the Sunday School. So "restructure" among the Disciples started a long time ago.

I have related some of this history that I might thus record that I have had a distinctly Disciple background.

Now some personal family history: My father, Dr. James C. Holloway, was first a Methodist and attended Asbury College (now Depauw University at Greencastle, Indiana), was a country school teacher. After becoming a Disciple in a Knox County evangelistic meeting held in a country school house, he thus became a Disciple and eventually became a Christian Church minister and later a medical doctor. He died in 1912 at the age of 58. These vocations caused him to make a number of residential changes during my boyhood and young manhood.

My mother died in 1890 at the age of 35 years and I then went to live with my Bruce grandparents in Bruceville at the age of 10½ years. I attended public schools in various places and finally Vincennes University. I became a young school teacher myself. At the age of twenty I was offered a position in Peoria, Illinois with the Illinois and Iowa Car Service Association. This was a railroad organization formed by the thirteen (13) railroads entering Peoria. The responsibility of this railroad association was to police and enforce the application of demurrage and storage rules against shippers or consignees who delayed in loading or unloading railroad cars or failed to remove LCL shipments from railroad freight stations within a prescribed "freetime" allowed, after which the railroad assessed and collected a penalty. This required visits to the railroad stations and therefore much travel over the railroads involved. I was engaged in this railroad work in Peoria from October 3, 1899 to August, 1915 with the exception of one year spent in the employ of the Wisconsin Demurrage Bureau, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and with my headquarters in Escanaba, Mich.

In September, 1915 I became Demurrage Supervisor for the Chicago Great Western Railroad with headquarters in Chicago. A year later I became Assistant to the Manager and Chief Clerk of the Western Demurrage and Storage Bureau with offices in the Transportation Building on Dearborn Street, Chicago. Our territory reached from Chicago to the Pacific Coast, including all territory on all member railroads west of the Mississippi River to the Pacific Coast.

I continued in this service until the end of February 1921. In June 1920 I was offered the position of Office Manager in the new United Christian Missionary Society just being organized. After six months deliberation, I finally decided to leave railroad work and enter full time church work.

Thus ended twenty-one years of railroad service and the beginning of a new era in my life, of full time church service for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) - except for a period of five years with the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, as Business Manager.

During twenty-six and one fourth years of service in the UCMS I held the following positions, - Office Manager, Assistant to the President, Executive Secretary of the Service Department, and after leaving the Service Department, became the first Executive Secretary of the Department of Men's Work.

Following my retirement from UCMS service September 30, 1946, I held and retired from four subsequent church positions, viz. Business Manager of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ (1946-1952); Executive Director of the Religious Census of Greater Indianapolis and Marion County (Sept. 1952-May 1953); Business Manager of the Church Federation of Greater Indianapolis, (Aug. 1953-May 1958); and Assistant to Dr. Jesse M. Bader, General Secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ, in promoting and handling arrangements for the World Convention Assembly, Edinburgh, Scotland in August 1960 (Jan. 1, 1959-Aug. 31, 1960).

I finally retired from all full time service on August 31, 1960, thus completing nearly forty years of Christian full time service rendered to the church and to my Lord and Master.

I first became a member of the church by joining the First Christian Church, Vincennes, Indiana at the age of fourteen, under the ministry of T. J. Clark. Due to residential changes, I later became a member of Central (now First) Christian Church, Peoria, Illinois; Englewood Christian Church, Chicago, Illinois; Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis, Mo., and since September 1928, Third Christian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, where I still have my church membership.

I was formally ordained to full time Christian service in Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis, Mo., of which I was then a member, in December 1926, along with Robert W. Burns (then also a member of Union Avenue Christian Church and later long time Minister of Peachtree Christian Church, Atlanta, Georgia) and the late C. W. Plopper (then Treasurer of The United Christian Missionary Society)

In the churches to which I have belonged (except First Church, Vincennes -- too young) I have served in the following capacities - usher, church school superintendent, trustee, elder and am now one of the Honorary Life Elders of Third Christian Church, Indianapolis.

I have given much time to Christian Education - In Central Peoria (13 years), Englewood, Chicago (5 years), Union Avenue, St. Louis (5 years) and Third, Indianapolis (13 years) - a total of 36 years.

As I look back over the years in serving these churches, particular goals which were reached through the cooperation of fellow members, come to mind as follows:

Central, Peoria

Inaugurated an Annual Bible School Dinner in which emphasis was laid on

the importance of the congregation giving full support to its church school. Such Bible School event was also later introduced and adopted while I was superintendent of the Church School in Englewood, Chicago; Union Avenue, St. Louis; and Third, Indianapolis.

Englewood, Chicago

Stressed support of missions and benevolence. One year its Bible School gave the largest amount to missions and benevolence of any of our churches in the Brotherhood.

Union Avenue, St. Louis

Introduced and obtained the adding of a Director of Christian Education to the Church Staff.

Third, Indianapolis

During my 13 year term as General Superintendent of the Church School, saw the church school attendance increase to an average attendance of 1720 in 1931 and 1710 in 1932. This was not due to my leadership, but rather to the dedication of many fine fellow members who "had a mind to work and cooperate."

After my retirement from full time Christian service in August 1960, I was asked to serve Third Church in another capacity, that of giving leadership in raising funds for the new church buildings to be erected on our new site at 5220 East Fall Creek Parkway, North Drive, and to provide the needed furnishings for the new buildings; also the sale of Board of Church Extension certificates to undergird desired loans we needed in our building enterprise.

Again Third Church people demonstrated a willingness to meet challenges in a way that I have never witnessed in any other congregation, of which I

have been a member, as follows:

<u>Original Building Fund Campaign</u>	goal	\$ 150,000
total reached		<u>163,887.62</u>
	over goal	\$ 13,887.62
<u>Certificate Loan Campaign</u>	goal	\$ 150,000
total reached		<u>180,790</u>
	over goal	\$ 30,790
<u>Furnishings Campaign</u>	goal	\$ 35,000
total reached		<u>39,433.91</u>
	over goal	\$ 4,433.91

These results were due to the fine cooperation of our Minister, Rev. Ernest E. Thompson and all of the fine people who worked in these three campaigns, in each of which I was privileged to serve as chairman.

This demonstrates what can be accomplished through team work and cooperation.

I am deeply appreciative of these tangible demonstrations made by Third Church members.

In addition to my local church and national services, as have been indicated, I carried the following responsibilities:

From September 1921 to May 1958 (37 years) I served as Transportation Secretary of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ, during which period I served as an Assistant to the International Convention Secretary in securing invitations from the various cities in which the Annual Convention Assembly was held, handling also convention publicity, exhibits, etc.

During the time I served the United Society, in addition to my responsibilities as Office Manager (and later) Executive Secretary of the Service Department,

I carried the following responsibilities at various times: (1) Editing and arranging for thirty-two Annual Year Books of the Disciples of Christ - 28 while the Year Book was being published by the UCMS (1921-1946) and four during the time it was published by the International Convention (2) Chairman World Call Publication Committee, (3) Transportation Secretary International Convention, (4) Transportation Secretary World Convention of Churches of Christ, (5) Publicity Director of International Convention Assemblies, many of them simultaneously. It kept me busy.

At the same time I also served as the Transportation Secretary of the World Convention of Churches of Christ from its inception at Washington, D. C. in 1930 until my retirement from such service at the end of August 1960 - (30 years). During this time I assisted its General Secretary, Dr. Jesse M. Bader, in making arrangements for the conduct of the World Convention Assembly in Washington, D.C. (1930), Leicester, England (1935), Buffalo, N.Y., (1947), Melbourne, Australia (1952), Toronto, Canada (1955), and Edinburgh, Scotland (1960). After I retired I also attended the San Juan, Puerto Rico Convention in 1965. I regret that while I had attended all World Convention Assemblies thus far ever held up to last year, I was unable for the first time, to be in attendance at the Adelaide, Australia World Convention Assembly which was held in October 1970.

(It should be noted that the International Convention was an administrative gathering representing Disciples in the United States and Canada, while the World Convention represented Disciple members throughout the entire world and stressed world fellowship of our people, but without administrative responsibility.) I have always felt that there is a distinct sphere of usefulness for each of these conventions and that they both deserve the complete support of the Disciple Brotherhood.

The first International Convention I ever attended was the Centennial Convention

held in Pittsburgh in 1909. Before I entered full time church service in 1921 I used to spend my vacations in attending the International Convention Annual Assemblies. After I entered the service of UCMS and became Transportation Secretary of the International Convention my responsibilities required me to then attend each convention held. After these responsibilities ceased in 1952 I attended eight of these convention assemblies, so I seem to have a case of "Conventionitis," for the total seems to be about 48 conventions.

As I have looked back over the years and recounted these various activities, I commenced to wonder why I spent so much time in church work, when I could have been doing secular work, which financially, would have been much more rewarding.

I have come to the conclusion that four dear friends and helpmates gave the motivation through the years:

- 1 - My grandfather, John H. Bruce - who himself was a senior elder and Sunday School Superintendent in the church at Bruceville, Indiana for many years, and with whom I lived for several years following my mother's death, inculcated in me the belief that Christ's Church should be served to the very best of one's ability, even over and above secular activities.
- 2 - Rev. William F. Rothenburger - long time minister of Third Church, Indianapolis, under whom I served for eighteen years and from whom I learned the importance of unity and cooperation in church work.
- 3 - Dr. Jesse M. Bader - my long time associate in the work of the World Convention of Churches of Christ. I was Transportation Secretary of that Convention at the same time I held a similar office in the International Convention of Disciples of Christ.

His evangelistic knowledge and zeal and his ability to solve problems in

spite of obstacles and opposition were also an example and stimulous to me.

4 - Rev. Ernest E. Thompson - who has been my present fine minister for over the last eight years. He has, indeed, been a splendid team mate - in all these campaigns and in other Third Church activities in which I have attempted to give leadership to help Third Church to be an effective church, and to glorify God, my Heavenly Father, and to exalt Jesus Christ, my Lord and Saviour.

I do not regret that I finally decided to leave railroad work after twenty-one years and enter full time Christian service, although it entailed great financial sacrifice. However, there have been other compensations. I have had friendships with our national and state church leaders and many fine church laymen since 1921 which will forever enrich my life.

When our Lord Jesus Christ ascended to His Heavenly throne He entrusted to the members of His Church the responsibility of carrying on the program He desired to be followed here on earth after His ascension. Therefore, to the extent we ignore or fail the church we should realize that we are at the same time ignoring and failing our Lord and Saviour. Are we ready to face such an indictment on judgment day?

I am now nine months in my 92nd year, and I realize that my days on earth will soon be over. I pray that I will be found "worthy and well qualified" when I reach the day of accounting for the deeds "done in the body" and that my activities will receive the approval of my Lord and Saviour.

Harry Bruce Holloway

February 14, 1971

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VINCENNES

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Some years ago Mrs. Ruth Ashby and others entertained the idea of restoring the old Bruce home to its original state, or at least furnishing the interior as it was when Lincoln slept there.

The plan was to have the bed used by Lincoln placed where it was 124 years ago; preserve the old clock at which Lincoln looked the morning after the great Whig rally; and restore the fireplace as it was long ago.

The house, built of brick, was originally two-storied. In the past few years the structure had deteriorated rapidly and the plan to make a Lincoln Shrine of the place was abandoned.

Recently Mrs. Ashby donated the lot and building to the Bruceville Christian Church. The church officials razed what remained of the building, cleared the lot, with plans to do some landscaping later. It is said that a marker will be added indicating the site of the building that provided overnight shelter, in 1844, for one of our greatest presidents, Abraham Lincoln.

From Zelah Houck

620 E Davis St

Sullivan Ind 47882

HISTORY
OF
VIGO COUNTY, INDIANA,
WITH
BIOGRAPHICAL SELECTIONS.

"I hear the tread of pioneers
The first low wash of waves, where soon
Shall roll a mighty sea."
—Anonymous.

By H. C. BRADSBY,

AUTHOR OF THE "HISTORY OF ARKANSAS," "BATTLE OF GETTYS-
BURG," "HISTORY OF ILLINOIS," AND THE COMPILER OF
DIVERS LOCAL HISTORIES IN ILLINOIS, MISSOURI,
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The Doctor and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he is a trustee and steward. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity, and of the G. A. R. Dr. Brown is eminently qualified for the high calling he has chosen. He was always an apt student, standing well in his studies in school, and having taken a thorough course in medicine is the possessor of a diploma from two medical colleges. He ranks high as a physician in Vigo county, and has met with well-merited success at Sandford.

CHARLES POLK

C. P. BRUCE, proprietor of meat market, No. 1242 Wabash avenue, Terre Haute, was born in Knox county, Ind., January 26, 1852, and is the sixth in a family of seven children of Harvey J. and Mary (Rader) Bruce, former of whom was a native of Indiana, of Scotch descent, and latter of Pennsylvania, of German descent. Our subject was married February 17, 1876, to Anna, a daughter of Walter and Belle (Linens) Clift, the father a native of Kentucky, the mother of Indiana, and both of English descent. Mrs. Bruce is the fifth in a family of seven children, and was born in Greene county, Ind. June 23, 1860. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce have two children, Herbert and Claude. Mr. Bruce was reared on a farm, and in 1873 he went to California and Oregon, where he remained six months, and, returning east, came to Terre Haute where he learned the butcher's trade, which he followed three years. In 1878 he went to Kansas, locating on a farm twenty-five miles south of Hutchinson, where he farmed one year, and lost what capital he had. He then moved to Hutchinson, and there followed butchering one year, at which time he returned to Terre Haute, and embarked in his present business. Mr. and Mrs. Bruce are members of the Christian Church. He is a member of the I. O. O. F., No. 157, has passed the chairs, and is a member of the Encampment, Canton and Grand Lodge. Mrs. Bruce is a member of the Daughters of Rebekah, and is at present Noble Grand. Mr. Bruce is president of the Butchers' Association at Terre Haute. Politically he is a Republican.

JAMES W. BRUNKER, M. D., Riley township, was born in Pierson township, Vigo county, Ind., August 29, 1858, and is a son of James D. and Martha T. Brunker, former born at Bristol, England, latter in Vigo county, of Scotch descent. The father came to this county in 1853, and settled on a farm in Pierson township, where he still resides. The family consists of one daughter and six sons, James W. being the eldest son. Our subject was reared on a farm in Pierson township, where he received his earliest schooling in the neighborhood of his birth. At the age of eighteen he commenced reading medicine, and when twenty years old he engaged in teaching school, continuing the study of medicine during leisure hours. He taught seven terms of school in his native township.

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